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Churchill's Dramatic Appearance In Commons

Discusses With King Developments In War Situation

WESTMINSTER, January 18.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill is home again. He reached London this morning, and a little more than an hour later, he was being enthusiastically greeted in the House of Commons.

He arrived at London terminus at 10 o'clock by special train. He was accompanied by Mrs. Churchill, his daughter Mrs. Vic Oliver and Lord Moran his personal physician.

The arrival had been kept a close secret from the public, but as the party was greeted by relatives, close friends, members of the Cabinet and Chiefs of Service Staffs, large crowds of spectators crowded against the barriers. Among the first to greet the Premier was his daughter Mary in the uniform of a subaltern of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, who almost before the train had stopped, leapt into the open door and greeted her father mother and sister inside.

Reuter's Special Correspondent cables:—Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill made a dramatic reappearance in the House of Commons today thus signalling his complete recovery from pneumonia and his delayed return from Cairo and Teheran conferences. Mr. Churchill has returned in time to supervise the finishing touches to the grand offensive from the West. Planning this all-out attack was one of the main jobs that took him out of Britain last November for vital conferences with Allied leaders. Then the Prime Minister was struck down by pneumonia—his second bout of this illness—but only for a brief period during the part that France will play in the attack from the West. In his latest travels, Mr. Churchill has covered 10,000 miles mostly by land and air. Altogether, he has journeyed about 50,000 miles to and from the war conferences—a war time record which no other leader of any of the United Nations can touch.

Among the company on the platform were Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Archibald Sinclair Air Minister, Lord Woolton, Minister for Reconstruction, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, Mr. Clement Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Sir Stafford Cripps, Minister for Aircraft Production. As the train steamed in, floodlights were turned on. Fully five minutes passed before the Prime Minister emerged in a Trinity house uniform and looking the picture of health. With yachting cap set at jaunty angle and a happy smile on his face he seemed remarkably well but looked somewhat tired. He shook hands with all members of the Cabinet present, as well as with admiral of the fleet, Sir Andrew Cunningham, Field-Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal. He was not smoking his usual cigar. The Prime Minister then entered his car and was joined by Mrs. Churchill and their three daughters, Subaltern Mary Churchill, Mrs. Vic Oliver, and Mrs. Duncan Sandys. When Mr. Churchill entered the House of Commons, he was greeted with a tremendous ovation. His return was a dramatic surprise to members who had not expected him back so soon. Halfway through question-time, members sitting near the Speaker's chair spotted his familiar figure approaching through the door and broke into a loud cheer, which was quickly taken up by the whole House. As the Prime Minister made his way to his accustomed seat, members sprang to their feet, waving order papers, and cheer after cheer rang through the Chamber.

Mr. Churchill told the Commons to-day that he would like in the near future to make a general war statement to the House, including the war in Italy, but asked to be given some latitude about the actual date.

Lunches With King

LONDON, Jan. 18: The Prime Minister Mr. Churchill lunched with the King at Buckingham Palace today.

The Prime Minister discussed with the King all developments in the war situation, which have occurred since they last met in November.—Reuter.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

OPTIMISM IN WASHINGTON

Prospect Of U. S. Mediation In Soviet Polish Dispute

NEW YORK, Jan. 18: An Associated Press report from Washington says there is some optimism there that the Soviet reply to Mr. Cordell Hull's note offering mediation between the U.S.S.R. and Poland will be favourable.

The State Department, it is added, obviously believes that Moscow may be willing to accept the good offices of a third party on the question of diplomatic relations with Poland.—Reuter.

JAPS TO EVACUATE BIG CITIES

LONDON, Jan. 18

The Japanese radio to-day said that the evacuation of big Japanese cities is in full swing.

"The Ministry of the Interior has been meeting to discuss the evacuation of Tokyo and its environs," the announcer added.

CHINESE TAKE TWO VILLAGES

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18.

On the Arakan front, at Nalpannya three miles to the southeast, and at Razabil three miles to the east of Maungdaw, the Japanese on the night of 15|16 January launched small counter-attacks which were repulsed, says to-day's south-east Asia Command Allied War Communique.

Our troops remain in possession of these villages.

American trained and equipped Chinese troops operating in the Hukawng valley have taken two more villages in the Ninghyen area.

U. S. PLANES BOMB INDO-CHINA TARGET

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17: 'Mitchell' medium bombers of the 14th United States Air Force bombed a power plant at Horgay in Indo-China on Saturday, states a 'communique' today. There were near misses among the main buildings. The outbuilding was destroyed.

Other bombers sank a collier off Swatow.

M. R. C. P. Examination In India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18.

An examination for the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians of London will be held in India in May this year, says a Press Note.

From candidates, who wish to sit for the examination 100 military and 40 civil medical men will be selected by a preliminary written examination of M. R. C. P. standard to be held in March at selected Provincial centres.

Further details will shortly be supplied to military candidates, while civil candidates will be furnished with information on application to the administrative medical officers.

COMMUNIST WORKERS ON TRIAL

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18.

Hearing was resumed of the case in which eleven local Communist workers were arrested but later released on bail, on the charge of alleged rioting in the Labour Conference organised by the Indian Federation of Labour in Karolbagh, following the refusal of permission by the organisers to move a resolution demanding the release of Gandhiji and other national leaders and formation of national Government. Charges under Section 147, I.P.C. were framed by the local Magistrate. All the accused pleaded not guilty. Six of them denied their presence in the Conference.

In their statements they said that this case was brought against them to hamper the progress of the Communist Party and disrupt the Party.—United Press.

LAKHS DAMAGE IN CITY MILL FIRE

A huge fire broke out on Tuesday evening at Raghuvanshi Mills, Tulsi Pipe Road and caused very serious damage estimated at several lakhs.

The fire started in the Machine department of the mill and spread rapidly other parts resulting in the complete collapse of the building. About 12 fire-engines fought the fires and four employees of the mill were injured, and removed to hospital.

The mill employs about 3,000 workmen and the fire destroyed, it is reported, all cotton and cloth on the premises and also damaged the machinery seriously. **The cause of the fire is not known.**

GERMAN PARACHUTISTS IN IRELAND

Ulster Member To Raise Issue In House Of Commons

LONDON, Jan. 17. (Delayed).

The authorities in both Northern and Southern Ireland are extremely reticent over the report that two parachutists were dropped from a German bomber in Eire in the middle of December, concerning which incident Rev. Dr. J. Little, Ulster Member of Parliament, has put down a question in the House of Commons.

The incident has been common talk in Eire over several weeks, but there was not only the strictest local censorship on Southern Ireland but Press correspondents were warned not to export the story. It has now leaked out through Northern Ireland. The names of the men are given as John O'Reilly, who gave weekly radio talks in Berlin to America and Richard Kenny, who also assisted in Dr. Goebbels Propaganda Department. Both are Southern Irishmen. They were equipped with wireless receiving and transmitting sets.

They were captured within three or four days of each other by Civic Guards and were found to have over 1,000 sterling in British notes in their possession. Kenny was injured by being dragged by his parachute over some distance in county Clare.

The Eire Government had the problem to know what to do with the two men and one story says that they made good their escape over the border into Northern Ireland.—Reuter.

SMALL-POX IN BOMBAY

Small-pox is prevailing in the city. People are advised to get themselves and all the members of their family vaccinated and re-vaccinated without the least delay.

Vaccination is performed free at Municipal Vaccination Stations on fixed days and daily at Sanitary Institute, Dhobi Talao and Central Vaccination Depot, Parel, Poibavdi. Visit any of the offices or 'Phone to No. 60302 or see Superintendent of Vaccination, Poibavdi, Parel for full particulars.

—Issued by Health Dept. (Publicity) Bombay Municipality.

ADVANCE TOWARDS CASSINO

Fifth Army Takes San Elia: Canadians Make Progress On Adriatic Coast

LONDON, Jan. 18.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa:

To-day's Communique says: "LAND: In the Adriatic coastal sector Canadian troops have made limited advance against stiff opposition.

Further advances on the Fifth Army front include the capture of San Elia.

AIR: Yesterday rail communications at Prato, Pontassieve and Arezzo were bombed by forces of escorted heavy bombers. Medium bombers attacked railway yards at Chiaravalle, Viterbo, and Orte. Fighter bombers attacked many defended positions in support of the army. Docks at Anzio and Palo railway yards were also bombed. In Sibenik harbour a merchant vessel was hit and exploded.

Nine of our aircraft is missing."

San Elia is a village on the Fifth Army front lying to the north-east of Cassino. San Elia is four miles from Cassino and the same distance west of Acquafondata. Prato near Florence has important marshalling yards. Sibenik is situated at a strategically important point of Dalmatian coast. It is linked to the railway line from Split to Zagreb. The port is well protected by strongly fortified islands. There have been several previous raids on the town.

FRENCH TAKE SAN ELIA

The capture of San Elia was effected by French troops. French patrols have already reached the east bank of river Rapido in this sector. They have also captured the mountain hamlet of Valvori, two miles north-east of San Elia. The Germans are now falling back to their prepared defences in "The Gustav Line" withdrawing across Rapido along the whole sector between Cassino and San Elia. The French now possess the main road from Atina following the east bank of the river from San Elia southwards to Cassino.

Below Cassino, American troops have now reached the east bank of Rapido, which at present forms a natural dividing line between the Allied forces and the outer defence of German fortifications.

POLICE BAN MEETING OF STUDENTS IN CALCUTTA

Two Leading Procession On "All-Bengal Campbell Day" Taken Into Custody

CALCUTTA, Jan. 18.

Two students, leading a procession in Bhowanipore area in connection with the observance of the "All-Bengal Campbell Day", were taken into custody this afternoon, for alleged disobedience of a police order to disperse.

A number of students in the city abstained from attending their classes in observance of the Day to-day, and assembled in Wellington Square for the purpose of holding a meeting, but were not allowed by the police to do so.

Later, a deputation of students waited upon the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin, at his residence and discussed with him the situation arising out of the closing down of the Campbell Medical School.

LATHI CHARGE ON STUDENTS

CALCUTTA, Jan. 18.

The police made a lathi charge today on a crowd of students who collected in front of the house of the Chief Minister, Sir Nazimuddin, in connection with the closing of the Campbell Medical School.

Students of several educational institutions in Calcutta abstained from classes and brought out a procession which paraded the streets. The police dispersed tactfully a group of students when they gathered at the Wellington Square to hold a meeting. Later they collected in front of the house of Sir Nazimuddin who called in five students and when discussion was proceeding, a police force came and charged the students, who were waiting outside, with lathis. At the request of the Chief Minister the students dispersed.

He received a second deputation in connection with the lathi charge and promised to inquire in the matter.

It is reported some students received injuries in the course of the lathi charge.—United Press.

'HABEAS CORPUS' PLEA FOR BHAJJI RULER

LAHORE, Jan. 18: A 'Habeas Corpus' petition against the petition of Rana Birpalsingh, ruler of Bhajji State, Simla Hills, under the Bengal Regulation of 1818 and Ordinance 5 of 1941, was moved to-day before a Division Bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of Justice Sir Abdur Rahman and Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir.

Mr. K. L. Gauba, counsel for the petitioner submitted that the Rana, who had been detained in the Mental Hospital for the last three years had not been found to be insane by any competent court or inquisition. He had also not been convicted of any offence in regard to which he might be detained in a mental asylum.

The counsel prayed that the detention being illegal and improper the Rana be set at liberty.

Mr. Basant Kishan Khanna, Assistant Advocate-General, raising a preliminary objection submitted that the Court had no jurisdiction to interfere with the detention. Even if the detention was illegal, the jurisdiction of the Court was barred, he added.

Their Lordships directed the Assistant Advocate-General to produce in the Court the order of detention and adjourned for further hearing till February 4.—A. P.

CAN CIVILIAN BE TRIED BY COURT MARTIAL?

LAHORE, Jan. 18: Can a civilian be tried by a court martial?

This important point of law was raised to-day by Malik Jewanlal Kapur, Bar-at-Law, moving a 'Habeas Corpus' petition before Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir against the detention of one Kartarsingh, a civilian assistant store-keeper in a military office at Rawalpindi.

Kartarsingh had been found guilty of accepting illegal gratification by a Court Martial and sentenced to two years' R.I. under Sec. 161 I.P.C.

Mr. Jeewanlal Kapur moving the petition submitted that the detention of Kartarsingh was illegal as by an agreement of service Kartarsingh was to be treated as a civilian and was not subject to the Indian Military Act.

He further submitted that an offence under Sec. 161 I.P.C. was not triable by a Court Martial.

His Lordship issued a notice to the Crown.—A. P.

"Reverse On Allied Diplomatic Front"

U. S. Press View Of Pravda's Peace Rumour

NEW YORK, January 18.

"The New York Times" today describes the "Pravda's" peace rumour report and Moscow's reply to the Poles as a 'diplomatic reverse' for the Allies.

"The importance deliberately attached by the 'Pravda' to the story does not make sense except as a political manoeuvre", it states. "Surely after the Conference at Teheran and Moscow the editors of the official Communist paper cannot take seriously this most ludicrous of all canards."

The 'New York Times' stated that the points raised by the Russian reply to the Poles "surely are debatable and no harm would be done by permitting the facts to be brought out in the course of straightforward negotiations. As a result of Monday's developments we have lost some ground on the diplomatic front, but we can only treat reverses here as we have treated reverses in the dark days and we must treat them as a reason for even greater efforts to achieve close unity with our Allies, on whom both victory and the hope of post-war peace depend."

Madrid Calls "Pravda's" Story Ridiculous

NEW YORK, Jan. 18: Messages from Madrid quoting "authorised Spanish quarters" deny that Von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, has been in Spain.

The reports describe the "Pravda's' peace talk story as ridiculous".—Reuter.

Meeting With Ribbentrop Described As Rubbish

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The Foreign Office states tonight "The Foreign Office authorise the issue of a complete denial of the story reported from Cairo and published in the "Pravda" to the effect that a secret meeting recently took place between Herr von Ribbentrop and leading English figures. There is of course no truth whatever in this story."

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow says: "Pravda's" Cairo dispatch reporting a "secret meeting between two British personalities and Ribbentrop", has been met with astonishment and incredulity in Allied circles in Moscow.

Russian newspaper readers are likewise confounded and various British journalists have been rung up by the Russians many times to-day with requests to explain "what it means".

In Allied circles leading diplomats appear at a loss to explain the publication of these "Cairo rumours".

It can be said that in well-informed British circles the allegations in the message are described as "rubbish".

Sensational fantastic rumours of this sort, it is pointed out, are always cropping up in war time and circulated by parties interested in sowing disunion among the Allied nations.

Newspapermen acquainted with Cairo know that it is a particularly fruitful ground for such rumours and that many newspapermen in the past have tried for general information purposes to cable such information to their head offices but failed in the face of Allied censorship whose duty, among other things, is to prevent unfounded rumours likely to impair the war effort, getting about.

"Pravda's" Cairo dispatch appears to be a "Special Correspondent's" maiden effort at journalism from Cairo and he appears to have got over the censorship hurdle.

Attempts to get in contact with the newspaper in order to obtain the names of the two "British personalities" who the correspondent stated met Ribbentrop proves futile.—Reuter.

Sastri's Address To Editors

MADRAS, Jan. 17: "Removing a misapprehension in regard to the speech of the Rt. Hon. V S. Srinivasa Sastri to a gathering of editors last week at the Gemini Studios", Mr. K. Srinivasan, editor of the "Hindu" writes: "Neither the Standing Committee nor the Reception Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference had any part to play in arranging the function except to agree to adjourn the proceedings to enable the members to attend Mr. Sastri's tea and talk. I may add that Mr. Sastri's invitees to tea included, besides the editors, many others also."—A. P.

What Sapru Discusses With Viceroy

LUCKNOW, Jan. 18

In response to an invitation Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is having an interview with His Excellency the Viceroy this evening in connection, it is understood, with the Boy Scouts movement in India. Sir Tej is also dining with the Viceroy to-night. No political significance is attached to this meeting.—United Press.

TITO WOUNDED IN FIGHTING

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The Cairo radio to-day broadcast a report that "Marshal Tito has been wounded in the Montenegro fighting".

Reuter adds that this report has not hitherto been confirmed by other sources, including the Yugoslav Partisan headquarters, whose communique was received at usual time to-day.—Reuter.

SOVIET'S DOUBLE THRUST IN POLAND

Two Nazi Bases Eight Hundred Miles Apart Threatened

MOSCOW, Jan. 18

From Reuter's Staff Correspondent:

Two great German bases more than 800 miles apart—Rovno and Novo Sokolniki are to-day threatened by two Soviet armies sweeping forward in Marshal Stalin's mighty winter offensive.

Gen. Vatutin's columns driving across pre-1939 Poland are to-day less than 13 miles from the German communications centre at Rovno. The Red Army in its new northern offensive is now only eight miles from Novo Sokolniki, junction of Moscow-Riga and the great north-south lateral railway.

In the week-old battle of Vinnitsa, fighting along the 70-mile Ukrainian front appears to be swinging in favour of the Red Army. Gen. Manstein's panzers and infantry have apparently been fought to a standstill.

In their big blow on the northern front the Russians are threatening to isolate Novo Sokolniki.

In Gen. Vatutin's drive to within 13 miles of Rovno in pre-1939 Poland the Russians have reached the eastern bank of the river Horin, which flows above the city. German strongpoints over the whole area between the river and the Rovno area are already within the range of the heaviest of Soviet guns.

In the great battle of Vinnitsa the Red Army appears to have held battle-worn German 'panzer' and infantry divisions on the approaches to the Odessa railway.

CASEY ARRIVES IN KARACHI

KARACHI, Jan. 18.

Mr. R. G. Casey, Governor-Designate, Bengal, arrived here this evening. He is accompanied by Mrs. Casey and his son and daughter.

Interviewed Mr. Casey said the party had had a pleasant journey. "I am very much looking forward to the work ahead" said Mr. Casey.

Soon after their arrival, Mr. Casey's children (the elder of whom is 14) borrowed two bicycles from the house and went out to "see" Karachi.

They returned later full of enthusiasm and told their surprised mother that they had already done the sights of the town,—on bicycles.—A. P.

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SURESH VAIDYA HAULED UP

LONDON, Jan. 18: Described as an Indian journalist Suresh Vaidya aged 39 of Berton Court, West Kensington, was at West London police court to-day, ordered to be detained for a military escort on, the charge of being absentee from primary training wing.

Vaidya told the Magistrate he had returned his army enlistment notice, which he received about a fortnight ago, to the Ministry of Labour because, he was a national of India and, therefore, did not feel it his duty to be conscripted in the effort of the British Government.

Asked by the Magistrate if he was a British subject Vaidya replied: "I am not a British subject by choice or consent. I have been in this country for ten years."

The Magistrate. "Why come here? I suppose you make your living in this countryr?"

Vaidya replied: "In a way, but I derive most of my income from America."

The Magistrate: "You are prepared to take the benefits offered by these islands, but you have intimated your views about us. You have been called up by a proper authority and in my view you are unabsentee, and will be handed over to an escort."—Reuter.

Sir Syed Maratib Ali's Party To C.-in-C.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and Lady Auchinleck were entertained at a dinner this evening by Sir Syed Maratib Ali of Lahore. Over hundred guests were present, including several members of the Viceroy's Executive Council.

After the loyal toast, Sir Syed proposing the health of the guests recalled the services rendered to the Empire during the war by Sir Claude Auchinleck and said history would give him his proper place. He also said that Lady Auchinleck had helped the army in many directions.

The Commander-in-Chief replying thanked Sir Syed for his hospitality and said the army would not forget the generous contributions for their comfort and also the help rendered in recruitment. He thanked Sir Syed for presenting Lady Auchinleck with a cheque for amenities for troops.—A. P.

TORY VIEW OF MAHATMA'S FAST

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The publication of the booklet "India To-day and To-morrow" by Sir Geoffrey De Montmorency, former Governor of the Punjab, has caused great surprise in London political circles sympathetic towards Indian aspirations. Parliamentarians, newspaper editors and others to whom the booklet is being widely distributed do not seem to share the views unambiguously expressed therein in the following reference to the February fast of Mahatma Gandhi:

"Mr. Gandhi embarked on a twenty-one-day fast to give a greater column of waves of sentimentality and to engineer unconditional release, but Lord Linlithgow's Government remained adamant. Rebels must be treated as rebels, until they make a public recantation of the rebellion."

These political circles feel that this betrayal of utter ignorance of practical methods of resolving the deadlock is only a futile attempt of the British Conservative Party to sidetrack the real political issue and mislead the British and American public on the Indian situation. They further assert that with the creation of a strong public opinion in England in the last few months, the belated publication of the booklet will hardly have its desired effect.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)

New York, Jan. 18.

Previous Closing	19.80
To-day's Opening	19.83
Difference	+03
To-day's Closing	19.85
Difference	+05

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Jan. 18.

New York Stock Exchange opening: General Motors $53-1/2.
Anaconda Copper Mining $25-3/8.
U. S. Steel Common $53-5/8.
U. S. Steel preference unquoted.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Jan. 18.

The market continued steady and active and a good line of business changed hands round all sections. Government securities were unchanged.

LATE R. S. PANDIT
Chief Justice's Touching Reference

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 18.

A touching reference to late Mr. R. S. Pandit was made by the Chief Justice in the Allahabad High Court to-day.

Among the latest telegrams received by Mrs. Pandit in her bereavement are from Dr. and Madame D. K. Pao, Consul-General for China, Tan Yun Shan from Shantiniketan, Pearl Buck, Richard Walsh, J. Singh, Linkaster Harrison and Duncan Harris on behalf of the British Section of Women's International League.—A. P.

Lahore Teachers On Strike

LAHORE, Jan. 18.

More than 500 teachers, mistresses and other employees of the Anjuman-i-Hayat Islam struck work from today as a protest against the decision of the executive to discontinue dearness allowance. It is learnt the strike will continue as long as the employers' demand is not conceded. The Anjuman is the biggest Muslim educational institution in Northern India and is running a first class degree college and several other institutions.—Orient Press.

British Views Made Known To Soviet

LONDON, Jan. 18.

From Reuters' dilomatic correspondent:—

It is stated authoritatively in British quarters that the British Charge d'Affaires in Moscow Mr. John Balfour has brought to the attention of the Soviet Government the British Foreign Office denial of "The Pravda" report of a secret meeting between Von Ribbentrop and two British personalities to discuss separate peace terms.

DEATH SENTENCE DEFERRED

Honour and Prestige Override Hatred

It is a very old convention among the warring chieftains and rulers of Ancient India—a convention founded on the principles of honour and prestige and the sound rules of chivalry that a prisoner of war would not be put to death without giving him an opportunity of defending himself. This principle temporarily saved Mounj when he was arrayed before his archenemy Tallap when enraged by his defiance and bravery, Tallap ordered him to be beheaded. But the stay order came from quite an unexpected source. His sister, with a heart full of pride and burning hatred could not herself fathom the cause of her outburst to defer the extreme penalty, and had to cover herself behind the time-honoured convention of treatment of prisoners of war. "We cannot strike an unarmed prisoner" she cried and so, temporarily at least Mounj escaped the knife.

How brief was this respite from death, and how cruel the end meted out to this valiant hero for the only crime he committed—the crime of loving his enemies and turning the hatred of a woman into sublime love are arrestingly unfolded in that great drama of human emotions Prithvi Vallabh, now showing at the New West End.

GOVT. ACTION AGAINST COAL FAMINE

Tackling Labour Shortage Problem

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18.

It is understood two notifications are being issued by the Government of India, one under Coal Stowing Act calling upon colliery owners to submit the monthly returns of their coal raisings and number of workmen employed by them in coal mines. The other notification will be under the Defence of India Act making it penal offence, failure to submit these returns. The labour position in coal mines is improving and further improvement is expected after January 15.

Meanwhile the Government of India have organised labour corps to have coal labour now employed by war contractors released. With the help of war department about 1,000 labourers will be also available for transporting coal from coalpits and for loading wagons. The labour shortage in coalfields is another example of lack of co-ordination between various departments of Government of India. For labour shortage in coalfields presently is largely due to grow more food campaign and demonstrates highly departmentalised nature of Government of India. it is learned that the grow more campaign was launched without regard to its effect on coal position and as a result large labour reserve was diverted from coalfields to agricultural pursuits due to latter being more profitable. The co-ordinated policy and the joint deliberations among the members of the Executive Council might have prevented coal famine, it is asserted here.

British Shipping Companies

BID FOR AIR TRANSPORT IN POST-WAR PERIOD

LONDON, (By Mail): The Cunard Steamship Company, a symbol of Britain's supremacy in merchant shipping is turning towards air transport. A resolution to alter the memorandum of the company and calling for the maintenance and operation air services has been adopted by the Board of Directors. Many other leading shipping companies in Britain have followed the Cunards in its bid for air transport. They are Royal Mail Lines, the P. and O. Lines, the Silver Lines and the Stanhope Shipping Company.—India Press Service.

MUSIC CONGRESS IN BOMBAY

Well-Known Artistes To Participate

The All-India Music Congress which is organised by the Vikram Era Second Millenium Celebrations Committee and which will commence its session at the Convocation Hall of the University of Bombay will rank as a rare event in the artistic life of the city. It will bring together on one platform, several leading musicians from the different parts of the country and will, thus, represent in its proper perspective, the classical music which India has preserved as her precious heritage these two thousand years.

Though the scales of the Indian melodies consist of fixed notes, the technique of rendering the latter is never stereotyped. Every musician finds ample scope to assert this individuality and to embellish the melodic patterns with graces which constitute a distinctive aspect of Indian music. The Congress will demonstrate the complete technique of singing developed by the various musicians in their original way.

The artistes who will participate in the Congress are veterans and also representatives of the diffrent traditional schools. Some of them are court musicians with states like Baroda, Mysore, Gwalior, Patiala, Mahiar and Janjira. There are on the list besides the vocalists, some noted experts in the instruments like Bin, Sarod, Sarangi and Sitar.

The Congress has also a programme of separate meetings for papers, and discussions on a few important aspects of music by scholars and musicians. These meetings will be opened to the public. The celebration of the second Millenium of the Vikram Era in a premier city of India like Bombay could not be on a less ambitious scale than that of an All-India Music Congress Bombay should not miss the splendid opportunity to listen to the music of the leading musicians. The net proceeds of the Congress will be carried to the building fund of the Vikram Kala Mandir (Art-Theatre) which is the Central item on the programme of the celebrations committee.

TRIVANDRUM, Jan. 17.

A Press Note says Government have sanctioned Mr. K. R. Narayana Iyer Director, Food Supplies, being placed on special duty for three months for representing Travancore and Cochin on the Price Advisory Panel to be constituted by the Government of India.

BLUFF SCHOOL SITE CONTROVERSY

Clarkson Says Solution May Be Found Overnight

(From Our Correspondent.)

DURBAN, Jan. 16

"My own view is that this question can be settled overnight" Senator Clarkson told representatives of the Durban Ratepayers' Association at a meeting convened to discuss objections to the Bluff School site. 'If the city Council would reconsider the Botanic Gardens site for the Indian School, a solution might be found I am satisfied that I would be able to persuade the Indian Trust to do a great deal; they are anxious to do all they can to avoid any racial feeling."

Referring to the definite assurance of a former Mayor that a site would be found for the Indian school, the Minister said "The Durban City Council has not given the Indians one acre of ground for Indian education."

During discussion, Senator Smith who owns property on the Bluff said he strongly opposed the purchase of the Bluff site but Indians would not take his advice.

Senator Smith was elected to the City Council in 1922 on Indian votes. During the Botanic Gardens negotiations, two years ago he absented himself from discussions. Other speakers brazenly claimed against all the facts that the Bluff site is in predominantly European area.

As a result of the discussion it is expected that the Indian School Trustees will meet the representatives of the Council and ratepayers to find a solution. The Trustees have reiterated their rights to the site and were upheld in this view by the Minister at an interview with him.

The Long Arm Of D.I.R.!

NAGPUR, Jan. 14.

In order to check the menace of persons who purchase cinema tickets and sell them at higher rates the District Magistrate of Nagpur has issued an order under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules on 30 persons asking them not to leave their ordinary places of residence until further notice between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. to report themselves to Kotwali every morning and not to carry sticks and other weapons on streets.

They have also been prohibited from leaving Nagpur without the District Magistrate's permission.—United Press.

HARBOURING ESCAPED DETENU

High Court Upholds Conviction

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Wadia and Mr. Justice Weston)

Shivlal Motichand Mehta ..Applicant (Original Accused)

Versus

Imperator ..... Opponent

The appellant, an agriculturist, had been sentenced by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sholapur, to six months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500 under the Defence of India Rules for the offence of harbouring one Channusingh Kalyansingh, a detenu who had escaped from the Yeravda Central Prison on 1st November, 1942. The escaped detenu was ultimately found in the applicant's field.

Their Lordships referred to the fact that the applicant and the escaped detenu had been co-accused in a case some years ago and belonged to the same political party, and were of opinion that the applicant harboured Channusingh knowing that he had escaped from jail. Their Lordships therefore saw no reason to interfere in Revision and dismissed the application.

Mr. T. N. Walawalkar appeared for the applicant.

The Government Pleader who appeared for the Crown was not called upon to address the Court.

Progressive Dawoodi Bohras' Conference

The second session of the Progressive Section of the Dawoodi Bohra Conference was postponed on Tuesday evening till Saturday, on an intimation from its President Mr. Zanzibarwala that the Mullaji Saheb had sent his brother to him for negotiation and had asked for four days' time. Mr. Zanzibarwala's message was read out by Mr. Hatim Alvi, officiating President, as Mr. Zanzibarwala could not attend the meeting due to indisposition.

RATIONING IN SURAT MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

Rationing came into operation on January 16 in Surat Municipal Borough and part of Chorasi taluka of Surat District comprising Athva village and parts of the villages of Umra, Majura, Khatodra and Bhatar. The rationed foodstuffs are rice and rice flour; bajri and bajri flour; jowar and jowar flour; wheat, wheat flour, 'suji, rawa, maida and atta'; and sugar, including crystal and crushed sugar, lissa and bura sugar.

A. I. N. E. C. AND INDIAN STATES

BANGALORE, Jan. 17.

Certain constitutional and technical difficulties stood in the way of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference in providing representation to Newspaper Editors of Indian States, said Mr. Ranumanthrao Mohare editor 'Samyukta Karnatak' Kannada daily of Hubli and member of the Standing Committee, A. I. N. E. C. speaking at an informal gathering of pressmen on Monday evening.

Laws relating to newspapers in the various States in India were different and were administrated by the respective State administration. This circumstance made it impossible for the Conference to strike out a uniform policy in dealing with problems relating to newspapers in States.—A. P.

DESHMUKH SUGGESTS CRITICAL EDITING OF OLD MARATHI LITERATURE

Sir Chintaman Deshmukh Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, presiding over the first lecture of a series of "Gunjikar Vyakhyan Mala", arranged under the auspices of the Marathi Granth Sangrahalaya at the Brahman Sabha Hall, on Sunday evening, suggested the formation of an organisation for the critical editing and publishing of old Marathi literature. He stressed the need for enlisting the co-operation of the University in this connection.

The subject of the first lecture of the series was "editing and printing of the old Marathi literature." Mr. A. K. Priyolkar who spoke, traced the efforts of many well-known Marathi printers and editors from 1840 to 1867. He said the publications were not critical and suggested the need for the critical editing of such publications.

Sir Chintaman also unveiled a portrait of Mr. Madhav Chandroba Dukle, publisher of "Sarva-Sangraha".

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PROSPECTUS

A copy of this Prospectus has been filed for registration with the Registrar of Companies, Bombay, as required by Section 92(2) of the Indian Companies Act VII, of 1913.

(Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue under the Defence of India Rule 94A. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent, the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard thereto).

MUNJEE TRANSPORT, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital Rs. 25,00,000

Divided into 2,50,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10|- each.

Issued Capital Rs. 10,00,000

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Out of the above issue 70,200 Ordinary Shares will be taken up by the Promoters and their friends for cash.

The balance of 29,800 Ordinary Shares are offered for public subscription.

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On application Rs. 5|- per share. On allotment Rs. 5|- per share.

Subject to the rights of the holders of the Preference shares which may be issued in pursuance of the Articles of Association and to the rights of the holders of any other shares issued hereafter in pursuance of the powers contained in that behalf in the Articles of Association of the Company and entitled by the terms of such issue to preferential repayment over the Ordinary shares in the event of the winding up of the Company, the holders of Ordinary shares shall be entitled to be repaid the amount of capital paid up or credited as paid up on such Ordinary shares and all surplus assets thereafter shall belong to the holders of Ordinary shares in proportion to the amount paid up or credited as paid up on such Ordinary shares respectively at the commencement of the winding up.

DIRECTORS.

1. CASSAMALLY MUNJEE, Esq., Landlord and Merchant, 18, Nepean Road, Bombay.
2. MAHOMED AKBAR ABDULLA FAZALBHOY, Esq., Landlord and Merchant, Warden Road, Bombay.
3. CHANDULAL J. SHAH, Esq., Landlord and Merchant, Pedder Road, Bombay.
4. Sir CHINUBHAI MADOWLAL, Bart, Landlord and Merchant, Shahi Baug, Ahmedabad.
5. M. H. A. FAZALBHOY, Esq., Solicitor, Fazalbhoy Building, Esplanade Road, Bombay.
6. SULTAN MUNJEE Esq., Merchant, 18, Nepean Road, Bombay.

BANKERS:

1. THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA, LIMITED.
2. THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.
3. THE ASSOCIATED BANKING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

SOLICITORS:

Messrs. PEREIRA FAZALBHOY & CO., Solicitors & Notary Public, Fazalbhoy Building, Esplanade Road, Bombay.

AUDITORS:

Messrs. P. C. HANSOTIA & CO., Elphinstone Circle, Bombay.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Amar Building, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Bombay.

THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has been formed for the purpose of carrying on all or any of the objects set out in its Memorandum of Association and in particular to carry on the business of constructing, hiring, purchasing, repairing and working steamships, country crafts, sailing boats, barges, tugs, padavs, canoes, or any other vessels, to establish and maintain lines or regular services of steam-ships, country crafts, sailing boats or other vessels and generally to carry on the business of ship-owners and lightermen and dubashes and of carriers of passengers and goods in all its branches by land, water and air.

PROSPECTUS

India has been most backward in the matter of transport facilities and there is considerable scope for developing this particular branch of industry in this country. In advanced foreign countries which have large coast lines, the shipping industry has become one of the major industries. But in India where there is a vast coast line, this industry has still remained in its infancy on account of the magnitude of the task involved and certain other adverse circumstances. In ancient times Indian shipping had developed to such a large extent that it had perhaps no equal in the world.

However, in the existing circumstances even in the present mechanical age, transport by country crafts forms an important mode of transport in this country. The Promoters of the Company are of the opinion that even after the war, transport by country-crafts will continue to hold its own against the modern steam vessels though it would be profitable to equip the country crafts with auxiliary Diesel engines.

It is well-known that country crafts sail between India and the African and Persian Gulf Ports. The Promoters have successfully experimented with the fitting of Diesel engines to country crafts and they have found in practice that the vessels so fitted give very efficient and quick service which compares very favourably with the speed of an ordinary steam vessel. It is therefore clear that with proper improvements and organisation, the prospects of securing good business for the country crafts to be acquired by the Company are very fair. Messrs Munjee Nathoobhoy & Co. are one of the Promoters of this Company. They have had considerable experience in the line for over 70 years and it can be reasonably hoped that with the benefit of such experience, the Company's business will turn out to be a prosperous one both during the duration of the war and after the cessation of hostilities.

Hitherto the business of country crafts was handled by what may be called the individual ownership system. In the majority of cases the owners of country crafts individually work on their own ships as tindels and in consequence there is no such thing as a Clearing House for freight. The merchants have to go about seeking ships for their cargo and the ship owners have individually to look out for cargo to be carried in their ships. It is the object of this Company to establish offices and warehouses at as many ports in Western India as possible. The Company will run an organised service with an initial immediate tonnage of about 2,000 tons and the Company hopes to increase the same to 4,000 tons as and when suitable opportunities occur.

The Promoters consider it necessary to deal with one or two difficulties which are usually raised by persons who are not acquainted with the country craft trade. It is sometimes felt that shipping of cargo by country crafts is not safe. This fear is entirely groundless and in fact first-class insurance companies willingly accept insurance for all cargo shipped on country crafts. This by itself is sufficient testimony to the safety of transport by country crafts. The next difficulty is that the boom in the country craft trade is due to the lack of steamships. While this is true to a certain extent, it must be remembered that the volume of trade which is carried by ships is so large that the steamships which are available and which may be available in future cannot adequately cope with the same. Further, most of the Indian ports are very shallow with the result that the ships cannot come alongside. This necessitates transhipment of goods into lighters and barges at further extra cost and the risk of damage to the cargo by such transhipment. These facts are sufficient to dispel all fear of lack of business for the country crafts when normal conditions return.

ESTIMATED PROFITS AND CAPITAL COSTS.

Capital expenditure will be between Rs. 5 and Rs. 6 lacs for a fleet of country crafts of 2,000 tons in the aggregate. The working capital will be a further sum of about Rs. 4 lacs.

The Promoters are of the opinion that on a fairly conservative basis, the Company has very fair prospects of making satisfactory profits from the very commencement of business.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES.

Estimated amount of the preliminary expenses will not exceed in the aggregate Rs. 15,000|-.

INTEREST OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Cassamally Munjee is the Chairman and shareholder of Messrs. Munjee Nathoobhoy & Sons (Kathiawar) Ltd. Mr. Sultan Munjee is a Director and shareholder of the said Messrs. Munjee Nathoobhoy & Sons (Kathiawar) Ltd. Mr. Cassamally Munjee is also the Proprietor of the Country Crafts Shipping Company of Bombay. The Directors may purchase for cash ships from the said concerns at fair market prices. Mr. M. H. A. Fazalbhoy is a partner of Messrs. Pereira Fazalbhoy & Co. who are the solicitors for the Company.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION.

The qualification of a Director other than a Debenture Director or a co-opted Director shall be the holding of shares in the Company of the nominal value of Rs. 5,000|- at least registered in his own name or partly with others.

The following are the provisions regarding the remuneration of the Directors:—

"The remuneration of a Director shall be such amount not exceeding Rs. 100|- as the Directors may from time to time fix for every meeting of the Board attended by him."

The Directors may allow and pay to any Director who is not a bonafide resident of a place where a Board meeting is held, and who shall come to that place for the purpose of attending such meeting, such sum as the Directors may consider fair compensation for his travelling expenses, in addition to his fee for attending such meeting as above specified.

If any Director shall be called upon to go or reside out of Bombay and the Suburbs of Bombay on the Company's business or otherwise perform extra services (which expression shall include the work done by a Director in signing certificates of shares or debentures issued by the Company or work done by him as a member of any committee appointed by the Directors in terms of the Articles), the Directors may arrange with such Director for such special remuneration for such services, either by way of salary or commission or by a percentage of profits or the payment of a fixed sum of money as may be determined by the Directors, and such remuneration may be either in addition to or in substitution for his remuneration above provided. The Directors shall also be entitled to be repaid for travelling or other expenses incurred in connection with the business of the Company.

VOTING RIGHTS

On a show of hands every member present in person shall have one vote and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him.

VOTE BY CORPORATION

When a Corporation being a member is present by proxy who is not a member, such proxy shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands.

RESTRICTIONS REGARDING RIGHTS TO ATTEND OR VOTE AT MEETING AND ON TRANSFER

No member shall be entitled to be present, or to vote, on any question either personally or by proxy or as proxy for another member at any general meeting or upon a poll to be reckoned in a quorum whilst any call or other sum in respect of any of the shares of such member or any other moneys on any account whatever either solely or jointly with any other person shall be due and payable to the Company.

The Directors may in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion and without assigning any reason decline to register any transfer of shares other than fully paid up shares whether the transferee is a member of the Company or not.

PROVISIONS AS REGARDS APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTORS AND THEIR REMUNERATION

The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to be Managing Director or Managing Directors of the Company; either for a fixed term or without any limitation as to the period for which he or they is or are to hold such office, and may from time to time, (subject to the provisions of any contract between him or them and the Company) remove or dismiss him or them from office and appoint another or others in his or their place or places.

The remuneration of a Managing Director shall (subject to the provisions of any contract between him and the Company) from time to time be fixed by the Directors, and may be by way of fixed salary, or commission on profits or turnover of the Company or of any other company in which the Company is interested, or by participation in any such profits or by any or all of those modes.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION

The minimum subscription upon which the Directors will proceed to allotment and which in the opinion of the Directors must be raised out of the proceeds of this issue in order to provide for the purchase price of any property required to be purchased for cash and to meet the preliminary expenses payable by the Company and the commission, if any, payable to any person for placing shares and for the working capital, is shares of the nominal value of Rs. 5,00,000|-.

COMMISSION FOR PLACING SHARES

The articles provide that the Company may at any time pay a commission to any person for subscribing or agreeing to subscribe (whether absolutely or conditionally) for any shares in the Company or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions (whether absolute or conditional) for any shares in the Company, but so that if the commission shall be paid or payable out of capital, the statutory conditions and requirements shall be observed and complied with and the commission shall not exceed 5 per cent of the nominal amount of shares in each case subscribed or to be subscribed. The commission may be paid or satisfied either in cash or in shares. In respect of the present issue no commission whatsoever will be paid.

PROMOTERS' BENEFIT

Save as aforesaid, no other benefit has been or will be made by any of the promoters for their services.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES

Application for shares should be made on the form accompanying this Prospectus or on the forms which may be obtained at the registered office of the Company, and sent in accordance with the directions contained therein with a remittance of the amount payable on application. Where no allotment has been made the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the amount remaining payable on the shares allotted and any balance thereafter remaining will be returned. Failure to pay any amounts due on shares allotted when due will render previous payments liable to forfeiture.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Agreements referred to in the aforesaid paragraph may be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company during the usual hours of business.

Dated at Bombay: 5th day of January, 1944.

(Sd.) CASSAMALLY MUNJEE.
(Sd.) M. A. FAZALBHOY
(Sd.) CHANDULAL J. SHAH.
(Sd.) Sir CHINUBHAI MADOWLAL.
(Sd.) M. H. A. FAZALBHOY.
(Sd.) SULTAN MUNJEE.

This form should be filled up (along with two Specimen Signatures as required below) and forwarded entire with cheque or Banker's draft or cash to the Company's registered office

MUNJEE TRANSPORT, LIMITED.

Registered Office:—
AMAR BUILDING, SIR PHIROZSHAH MEHTA ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY SHARES.

To The Directors of
MUNJEE TRANSPORT, LIMITED,
BOMBAY.

Gentlemen,

I/We send herewith a sum of Rs. ——— being a deposit of Rs. 5/- per share on ——— Ordinary Shares in the abovenamed Company and request you to allot me/us the said number of shares on the terms of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and I/we agree to accept the said shares or any smaller number that may be allotted to me/us and to pay the further instalment of Rs. 5/- per share on allotment, and I/we authorise you to register me/us as ——— holder / holders of the shares allotted to me/us here under.

(Signature) .....
(Name in full) .....

(IN BLOCK LETTERS)

(Occupation) .....
(Address in full) .....
(Date) .....

(Applicant's Specimen Signature).	*(Applicant's Specimen Signature).*
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MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE: 4-10 p.m.
SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: 4-10 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMANA CEREMONY

MORARJI—Mrs Ratanbai Dharamsi Morarji Goculdas (70) expired at 1-15 a.m Tuesday, Uthamana ceremony at 3 p.m., (Bombay Time), on Thursday, 20-1-1944, at their residence "Sea View", Warden Road.

To-day's Engagements

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOMBAY: Monthly Meeting of the Society will be held at the B B Royal Asiatic Society Town Hall at 6 p.m. when Mr. M. N Srinivas will read a paper on "Coorg-Folklore an Analysis and an interpretation".

SOUTH INDIAN WELFARE SOCIETY, MATUNGA: Sanskrit classes at 9 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday.

GRANT COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY: A clinical meeting of the Society will be held at Grant Medical College Library at 4 p.m. (S T.).

BOMBAY TAXI DRIVERS' UNION: Extraordinary General Meeting of the Union at 9 a.m at the Gowalia Tank Maidan Bombay to consider Government's reply to the Union's demand for increase in taxi fare and petrol quota

BOMBAY VETERINARY COLLEGE, PAREL: Annual Sports and Social Gathering at 4-30 p.m. Mr. B. J. Wadia, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay will preside.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: Public meeting of the Kurla-Chembur Division at the open space opposite the Bombay Match Works, Kurla at 8-30 p.m

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer Meeting at Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain at 6-15 p.m.

DASTURJI BODE'S LECTURE: On "The Solution of Confusing Religious Problems" at Mazdaznan Hall to-day at 6-15 p.m.

MODERN NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL: Health Propaganda Institute will exhibit 'Health Films' at the Modern Night High School Hall, to-day, at 8-30 p.m.

LADIES OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS at Bhagini Samaj, Dadar, to be held in February. The Entries will be closed on 20th of January. All Dadar Ladies teams are invited to participate.

THYAGARAJA SABHA

The following is to-day's programme:—8-00 p.m. Sri M. M. Anantharama Iyer, Flute Sri R. N. Subramania Iyer, Violin, Sri R. Parameshwara Iyer, Mridangam. 9-30 p.m. Shangeetha Bhushanam, Sri W. Narayana Rao, Vocal, Sri P. C. Sankaranaryanan, Violin, Sri C. V. Mani Mridangam, Sri V. S. Mani, Kanjira, Sri S. S. Sarma, Moorsing

SHANKAR MUTT, MATUNGA: Free Sanskrit classes at 6 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

INDIAN SEAMEN'S UNION: At a meeting of the Seamen held under the presidentship of Mr. J. P Lobo at Instituto-Luso-Indiano Hall, Burrows Lane, Dhobi Talao on Sunday last it was decided to start a branch of the Indian Seamen's Union (Calcutta), in Bombay. Mr Aftab Ali, President of the Indian Seamens' Union and Dr. M. R. Shetty, President Dock Workers Union, spoke at the meeting

3 ARTS INTERESTING FUNCTION on Sunday last was very successful. Dastur Bode spoke and enjoined upon the people to be spiritual, since God and the universe was within them Mr Fyzee Rahamin said if God was within one then they would not have criminals. Prof. Vlida of Ceylon then gave demonstration of magic feats and entertained the large and distinguished audience. Atiya Begum in welcoming gave a short summary of the 21 events of 1943, where 76 artiste took part in the various functions. The lunches were valuable socially and educationally. The next will be a film luncheon on the 27th February when the performance will be outstanding. Ram Kisen Sujan thankeed the chief guests and the artists.

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CORPORATION'S TRIBUTE TO R. S. PANDIT

City Fathers paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. R. S. Pandit on Monday, before the Corporation adjourned as a mark of respect for the deceased Congressman. Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor, presiding at the meeting, referred to the selfless service rendered by Mr. Pandit as a staunch Congressman. India had lost a great patriot, a scholar and a public worker, in the death of Mr. Pandit. The Mayor expressed his heartfelt sympathies for Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other members of the family.

Dr. J. A. Collaco referred to the self-sacrificing spirit shown by Mr. R. S. Pandit all these years and said that the country sympathised with Mrs. Vijayalaxmi in her sad bereavement.

Speaking of Mr. Pandit as a great patriot and a practical man, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas said that Mr Pandit's death was a loss to the nation. One could not help sympathising also with Pandit Jawaharlal to whom the death of Mr. Pandit was a great blow. Mr. Jamnadas hoped that God would give strength to Pandit Jawaharlal to bear up the blow and to continue his efforts in seeing India free earlier than expected.

The resolution for adjournment was moved by Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia and passed by the House.

Messrs. Kirtane & Sutar Released

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Jan. 18

Messrs. V. V. Kirtane, President of the Thana District Congress Committee and a member of the All-India Congress Committee, and D. M. Sutar of Thana who were on parole are now reported to have been released unconditionally

APPEAL FOR SETTING V. B. SHIKHARE FREE

An appeal has been issued over the signatures of Messrs. A. B. Latthe, R. G. Soman, S. G Vaze Amritlal Seth, Abdulla Brelvi, D. V. Gokhale and a number of public workers from Indian States and British India, to the Ruler of Miraj, to set Mr. V B. Shikhare free who has been kept under detention since August 1942, when many workers from Indian States were arrested and detained.

BAN ON POTATO EXPORT

A ban has been imposed, from January 15, on the removal of potatoes by road or rail, from any place within Nasik District to any place outside, except under licence.

DAFTARY COMMITTEE REPORT PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENT

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes: The report of the Daftary Committee, which was appointed by the Bombay Government in 1941 to advise on measures to prevent ribbon development and to protect road bye-passes, has now been received by the Government.

These questions have in the meantime received attention from the Roads Sub-Committee set up by the Government of India for post-war reconstruction and the Sub-Committee's recommendations will be dealt with by the Government of India, probably on an All-India bases. The report of the Daftary Committee will be considered when such action is initiated.

CONCESSIONS IN ENTERTAINMENT TAX TO SOLDIERS

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes: The following concessions in the entertainment tax have been sanctioned by the Government of Bombay in favour of soldiers sailors and other uniformed defence forces of British and Allied nationality: (i) full exemption where the payment for admission to an entertainment, excluding the amount of duty, does not exceed four annas; (ii) exemption of one anna only, where the payment for admission to an entertainment, excluding the amount of duty, exceeds four annas but does not exceed eight annas. These concessions were sanctioned from January 1, the date on which the rates of entertainment duty were raised. Unfortunately, owing to some unavoidable administrative difficulties, the ycould not be given effect to in the city of Bombay before January 8. In the Districts they were brought into effect from January 1.

SURAT PUBLIC DEMAND BETTER QUALITY OF RICE & WHEAT

(From Our Correspondent.)

SURAT, Jan. 17.

There is great resentment amongst the public for the poor quality of wheat and rice which were sold on the first day of rationing i.e. (Sunday). The salesman are also worried over calculations which have many fractions. People demand better quality of foodstuffs.

AHMEDABAD TENANTS' CONFERENCE

(From A Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 17.—It is understood that Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Editor, "Bombay Chronicle" and President A. I. N. E. C., has consented to preside over the 3rd Session of Ahmedabad Tenants' Conference likely to be held in the first week of March. Tenants in city are gratified to know this news.

LENIN ANNIVERSARY: Friends of the Soviet Union, Bombay, will observe the 20th Death Anniversary of Lenin with the following programme:—

Friday, January 21st:—Public meeting at the Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Choupaty, at 6-30 p.m.

Dr. Abdul Hameed Kazi, (Member All-India Muslim League Council) will preside. Poet Harindranath Chattopadhyaya, Dr. R. Naidu, Principal Jathar of the Khalsa College, Sjt. N. Kalyan Krisnan of the Communist Party of India, will speak.

Friday, January 21st:—Public Meeting at Wadi, Sjt R. M. Jambhekar will preside. Smt. Kamala Rao and Sjt. R. V. Raman will speak in Telugu

Saturday, January 23rd:—Soviet Exhibition will be opened in a specially erected pandal by the members of the Friends of the Soviet Union, at the Matunga Labour Camp, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday the exhibition will remain open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission Free.

Lively Sport-Evening At Thana

Arya Kreeda Mandal, Thana, the pioneer physical education institution in the district, presented a brilliant sport-evening to the people of Thana on Sunday last, when the final events and the prize distribution ceremony of the 7th Annual Sports-meet took place Mr. W. A. Rege presided. The open events wherein many Bombay athletes took part, attracted a very large crowd. The Kanara Athletic Club, the Bhat Sports Club, the Bombay Athletic Club and the Athletic Sports Club, Bombay were the Bombay teams which gave a brilliant show. A special feature which attracted the attention of the crowd was an open running event for elderly women the competitors being women of over 30 years.

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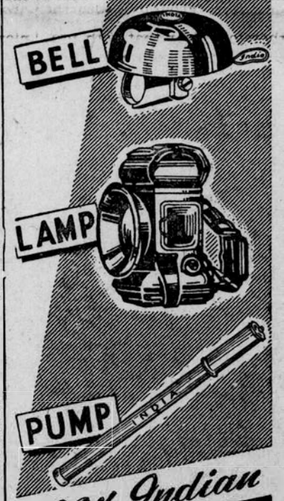

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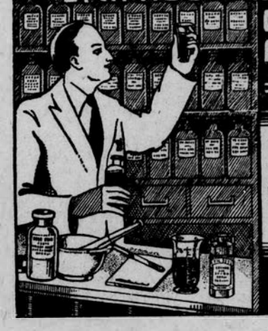

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Jan. 18.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 14th January 1944:—

Allahabad 75 57 0, Bombay 83 64 0, Calcutta 85 61 0.1, Cawnpore 68 51 0, Cuttack 87 63 0.1, Darjeeling 44 34 T, Delhi 66 43 0, Dehra Dun 62 39 T, Jacobabad 74 44 0, Karachi 77 57 0, Lahore 65 38 0, Lucknow 70 48 0.1, Madras 84 70 0, Nagpur 84 60 0, Patna 72 54 0.1, Peshawar 64 33 0, Shillong 59 44 0.1, Simla 35 30 0.1.—A. P.

The Bombay Chronicle

RUSSIA & POLAND

The Soviet Government's reply to the declaration of the Polish Government on the subject of future relations between the Soviet Union and Poland, including the question of the boundary between the two states, is blunt to a degree, but it is, perhaps, what is to be expected in the unfortunate circumstances of the case. Since the diplomatic relations between the two Governments were severed, neither of them nor their friends among the Allies have put forth serious efforts to bridge the gap between them. The Soviet Government has reiterated its view on this subject by declaring that the responsibility for the breach of diplomatic relations between the two Governments rests on the head of the Polish Government alone, because of "its active participation in the hostile anti-Soviet slanderous campaign of the German invaders in connection with alleged murders in Katyn." The Polish Government has shown no inclination so far to meet the Soviet Government even half way. In regard to the boundary dispute, as pointed out in the Soviet reply, the Polish Government had deliberately avoided any reference to the Curzon line, implying thereby that it rejects that line even for purposes of discussion. In such circumstances, the Soviet Government has told the Polish Government with almost brutal frankness that it is obvious that it "does not desire to establish good neighbourly relations with the Soviet Union." That the Polish leaders' attitude towards the Soviet Government has been anything but conciliatory ever since the outbreak of the war, few will deny. In particular the unproved charges of horrible mass massacre of Polish citizens they brought against the Red Army could not but be hotly resented by the Soviet Government. The Polish Government has since not uttered one word regretting its action or withdrawing the charges. No wonder the Soviet Government refuses to believe in the *bona fides* of, or to deal with, that Government. The well-wishers of the Polish Government in Great Britain and elsewhere have been repeatedly pressing on the Polish leaders that they should adopt a more conciliatory attitude towards the Soviet Union but that advice has, unfortunately, not been heeded.

The United States is reported to have offered now to mediate between Poland and the Soviet Union. Such an offer should have come much earlier, but better late than never. Lack of amity and co-operation between two such contiguous States as Poland and Russia at the present juncture when united efforts are needed to eject the enemy from the soil of both would be most unfortunate and may be attended with tragic consequences subsequently. If Reuter's diplomatic correspondent is to be believed, there is, it appears, "disappointment in general in Allied quarters and not the least in British quarters, at the negative nature of the Soviet reply to the Polish proposal for negotiations." According to the same correspondent, "the Soviet Government has refrained from stating explicitly what assurances it requires before admitting its confidence in the Polish Government.' This, on the face of it, appears like an attempt to put the Soviet in the wrong in the eyes of the world, for nothing is said by this correspondent as to the failure of the Polish Government to make proper amends to the Soviet for its charges against the Red Army and to make any such other conciliatory gesture towards the Soviet as one of clarity has rarely been a characteristic of the declarations of the Soviet Government. Moreover, it is not clear that the United States Government has intervened in the dispute, and the good offices of the British Government also are sure to be enlisted to bring about a satisfactory solution of the same, one may expect the long-festering boil of mutual suspicion and [illegible] lanced at long last in the vital interests of peace in Europe.

Cultural Progress

The Society for the Promotion of Education and Culture, inaugurated on Monday by the Governor of Bombay, is an interesting new institution which cannot be said to be superfluous in spite of the existence of several more or less similar institutions in the city. In his inaugural speech the Governor said the Society had chosen a "brave" name. Its aims, too, are brave but not beyond the capacity of the people of the city or the country to achieve them. Its success will doubtless depend on the extent to which it follows a progressive policy in all its activities, a policy of free expression of thought, unsuppressed by any tradition, dogma, or dictatorial authority. Such a policy can be consistently followed only if men of progressive ideas join it, assert themselves and work strenuously for its ideals.

Sir John Colville rightly pointed out that the world was on the threshold of great events which we could help to fashion for good and that those who hung back would be failing in their duty. Indians are not hanging back. They are rather struggling to assert themselves in the shaping of world events in the interest of world peace. What is necessary is that they should not be prevented from so doing. The Governor added that he would "throw a challenge" to the youth of India to "contribute to the cultural endeavour in the way that only youth could." The Indian youth have not waited for the challenge and have been doing their bit for the vindication of the honour and culture of their country. But the free expression of their individuality is being suppressed in ways which imperialism alone has been capable of devising.

In his speech at the inauguration ceremony of the Society Prof. M. V. Hill paid a just tribute to the progress that India has made in pure and applied science but rightly remarked that a great deal more progress needs to be made in such a vast country like India. We wholeheartedly endorse his appeal to the rich and public spirited men of India to make more generous endowments for the promotion of education and of science in particular. It will not do for the people to wait indefinitely for Government to give all the necessary grants for this purpose. For in the first place Government will get funds by taxing the people including the poor, while voluntary donations by the rich will be a great relief to the tax-payer. Moreover, as Prof. Hill pointed out, gifts by private donors give far greater independence and scope to colleges and other institutions than if their resources were derived from Government alone. It is mostly with the help of modern science that India can assert herself in the comity of nations. Societies like the one in question will do a great service to the country if they pay special attention to the promotion of modern science.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

A "Scoop" Scotched

The British Foreign Office statement has effectively scotched the journalistic "scoop" attempted by the "special correspondent" of the "Pravda" at Cairo. Whether this correspondent is the green horn he is represented to be or whether he and the Moscow journal he is serving plotted out of sheer fun, if not mischief, to pull the legs of the British Government is a moot point. The "Pravda" must have been well aware of the serious implications of the news item it was giving publicity to and if it had the least suspicion about the correspondent's gullibility it would have refrained from publishing the report, seeing that it was bound to create serious misapprehensions not only in the minds of Russians but also in all Allied quarters. Why did the "Pravda" not exercise its sense of responsibility in the matter? Was it a deliberate piece of journalistic "devilry" calculated to spite anti-Russian circles in Allied countries—or just an innocent blunder? That question requires to be answered by the journal—and also solved by the critical world outside Russia.

Unfortunate

An intriguing situation has been created in the Baroda State by the second marriage of the Maharaja while his first wife is living. There is a law in the State which makes a second marriage during the life time of the first wife an offence under the State Penal Code, punishable with imprisonment. If the Ruler is not subject to this law, it is very anomalous, indeed, that there is one law for the people and another for the ruler. Nor can it be pleaded that the first wife is childless for she has several children. The whole case is reported to have been referred to a High Court Judge. But whatever the legalistive aspect of the case, the second marriage is, in the circumstances, most unfortunate.

Literacy Propaganda

The Literacy Drive meeting held in the city on Monday is only a forerunner of the Third Literacy Week to be celebrated from the 24th to the 30th January. The main object of the week is stated to be to keep the literacy movement before the public and to collect funds. The propaganda cannot be said to be superfluous when about 60 per cent of the city's population is illiterate. Nor is is wrong to collect public funds for such a worthy cause. We wholeheartedly endorse the appeals for funds made by several speakers at the meeting. But we want to re-emphasise the point we have found it necessary to stress in connection with these Literacy Weeks, that Government and the Municipal Corporation ought to provide the funds necessary for a much faster increase in the literacy of the city, whether or not they get funds from the public. Adult literacy is quite as important as primary education of children and its spread should not be made conditional on the funds collected from the public.

Birth-Control

Instead of answering my straightforward questions to him in an equally straightforward manner, Mr. R. D. Karve has sought to confuse the issues regarding birth-control by either unfairly importing into my words and sentences meanings which they did not and could not bear, or by hair-splitting.

Mr. Karve has evaded answers to my plain questions to him as to (1) why self-control should be regarded as "unnatural" to man, as suggested by him; (2) what grounds he has for suggesting that Gandhiji's knowledge of the consequences of the use of contraceptives is derived from his "inner voice" and "not from facts" and that "Gandhiji takes his ideal from St. Paul" on the subject of continence. Unable to justify his previous statements, Mr. Karve has sought escape in distortions of my as well as Gandhiji's statements. Mr. Karve has suggested that I have called the sex instinct a "still latent brute instinct." If the reader will refer to my two previous statements he will see that I have nowhere expressed such a silly opinion. My reference was obviously to the impulse still latent in human beings to indulge in the sexual act unrestrainedly in the manner of the unthinking brute—and not to the sex urge itself.

Mr. Karve has resorted to similar distortion in respect of Gandhiji's references to his "inner voice." Mr. Karve contends that because Gandhiji "often refers" to the "inner voice"—Mr. Karve does not mention in what particular connections—he (i.e. Mr. Karve) is "quite entitled" to refer to it as Gandhiji's source of knowledge regarding the effects of birth-control by artificial methods! I leave it to the readers to judge whether Mr. Karve is indulging in logic or in a cheap gibe at Gandhiji, as observed by me. I also leave it to the reader to judge whether my observation: "As Gandhiji has often observed, what Indian women, especially those belonging to the poor and middle class, who to-day are helpless victims of early marriage and other harmful social customs, need more than anything else is education in the art of saying 'no' even to their husbands", justifies Mr. Karve in attributing to Gandhiji the view that "husbands alone are to blame for excess of progeny."

As to my references to the likely evil effects of the adoption of artificial methods on a "popular scale", Mr. Karve declares that "it is utter nonsense to say that the methods may be good in individual cases but bad on a larger scale." If human beings were mere robots, their sterilization, temporary or permanent, on a mass scale would have, perhaps, equal consequences in every case, but they being endowed with varying powers of feeling, reflection and decision, the consequences of sexual acts, unrestrained as such acts will be by the fear of motherhood and fatherhood after the medical treatment, are bound, I maintain, to vary in individual cases. As to whether the tendency among the majority of those medically treated will be towards restraint within limits or towards excessive indulgence may be a matter of opinion. I hold the view I have already expressed and Mr. Karve may cherish his.

Mr. Karve has not given a plain answer to my question as to why he and his fellow-reformers are not advocating birth-control clinics for men to the same extent—or even to any extent—as in the case of women, seeing that the end in view, namely stoppage of conception, can be secured either way. Mr. Karve has referred to the differences in the physical constitution of the male and the female, but this is not really any answer to my question why all the solicitude should be shown towards women and not men.

Mr. Karve indulges in hair-splitting over my reference to the self-control exercised by males "for months together" during the pregnancy of their wives. I would not only repeat my statement but would go further and maintain that it is a common experience to see husbands exercising self-control not only for months together but sometimes for years, when their wives are stricken with illness chronic or otherwise. Again, Mr. Karve shuts his eyes to facts within everybody's knowledge. Do we not see many elderly bachelors and spinsters exercising self-control for years without any deleterious effects, physical or mental, to themselves? If self-control is possible in their case, why not in the case of the married?

As to the "medical evidence" in favour of birth-control by contraceptives, I can only say that there being equally weighty opinion of the same fraternity warning against resort to such methods, the case for contraceptives must be considered as "unproven." Similarly "unproven" is the case on the ground of "overpopulation", seeing that the "experts" whom I and Mr. Karve have separately quoted are not agreed as to whether there is or not in the country sufficient acreage of uncultivated land which can be made to feed the increasing population.

In conclusion, I may remark that the remedy suggested by birth-control zealots like Mr. Karve is only a temporary palliative for the sufferings of the illiterate and poverty-stricken masses of the country and that unless the root of the trouble is tackled, by spreading education, better housing and improvement of economic conditions, the sufferings of the poor will remain even if they resort to birth-control by artificial methods.

R. K. PRABHU.

PARSIS AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Freedom Group's Appeal For Joint Electorates

Prof. P. A. Wadia, President of the Freedom Group, has issued the following statement:—

We find that propaganda is being carried on in certain quarters by some of the Parsi municipal corporators in support of a demand on behalf of the community for some kind of special rights for Parsis, either by way of reservation of seats or even separate electorates, in the coming municipal elections which will be on adult franchise.

Our Group had the opportunity of discussing this question with some of the Parsi municipal corporators, who were supporting such a demand on the floor of the Corporation. Thereafter, some correspondence took place between Mr. A. P. Sabavala, as the spokesman of these corporators and myself on behalf of the Group. This correspondence is released herewith for the information of the public, especially the Parsis.

While the correspondence speaks for itself, it will not be amiss to emphasize a few salient features thereof.

All the well-known Parsi corporators, like Mr. A. P. Sabavala, Prof. S. R. Davar, Dr. S. P. Mehta who are clamouring for communal representation have admitted that hitherto they owed their seats in the Corporation to the support of non-Parsi voters. In other words, although in support of the demand for special rights for the Parsi community, it has been alleged that voting is on communal lines, the personal experiences of those who make this allegation have been otherwise.

The Indian National Congress has been represented as the bugbear that will appropriate all the seats, so that the community will have no representation in the Corporation. We had an interview with the Leader of the Congress Municipal Party, and he made it clear that the Congress will not contest all the 114 seats, but only a sufficient number of them to give the Congress a working majority. Over and above Parsi candidates, at least three or four, contesting on the Congress ticket, there will be ample seats, not contested by the Congress, which, there is no reason why Parsi candidates, (even those not standing on the Congress ticket), cannot capture, unless they feel that they do not at all enjoy the confidence of the sister communities. It is significant that no mention has upto now been made of this assurance given by the Leader of the Congress Municipal Party, although the same was communicated to Mr. Sabavala, and his attention pointedly drawn to it once again.

HATCHET AND THE BRANCH

The Leader of the Congress Municipal party gave his considered opinion that there will be at least ten Parsis in the Corporation even under adult franchise. If a claim for separate electorates is made apart from the stigma of inferiority and being classed as a backward community, with which the Parsi community will be branded for all times, on a population basis, the Parsis will not get more than four or five seats, and it would be fantastic to make claims for extra seats on any other basis, such as rateable capacity or the rather quaint ground, mentioned to us, namely that of service, (whatever that may mean).

It is significant that those who, at a time when Fascism and Nazism were not such anathema to the British, had no hesitation in avowing their Fascist leanings, now accuse others of following Nazi methods! We feel no comment from us necessary on this attitude.

We would earnestly appeal to all thinking Parsis to reflect calmly after a careful perusal of the correspondence, released herewith. We are confident that Parsi masses have sufficient common sense in them to see, where their own interests lie, and not to aim the hatchet on the branch of the tree, on which they are seated. They will thus keep alive their reputation for independence and for being an advanced community capable of standing on its merits, and not needing the crutches of any special rights.

CONGRESS PARTY LEADERS' ASSURANCE

November 6, 1943.

Dear Mr. Sabavala,

The Committee of the Freedom Group met you and your colleagues on the Corporation this week and listened patiently to whatever you and your colleagues had to urge in connection with the proposed electorate machinery for the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Subsequently we met yesterday Mr. M. G. Kapadia and after an exchange of views with him Mr. Kapadia made a statement which, with his consent, we are now communicating to you. The following is the text of the statement.

"Mr. Kapadia stated that there was no basis for any fear that the Congress would contest all the 114 seats open to election and endeavour to monopolise civic representation. While the Congress would naturally endeavour to put up enough candidates to secure a working majority, there would be enough seats left uncontested by the Congress which minority parties and groups can contest and secure. Mr. Kapadia was clearly of the opinion that, looking to various factors, there would not be less than 10 Parsis out of 114 Councillors elected by adult suffrage."

We believe you and your colleagues whom we met at the Taj Mahal Hotel the other day are in complete agreement with us when we say that a claim for separate electorates on behalf of the minority communities in municipal elections in a city like Bombay is reactionary and likely to aggravate communal bitterness. You will also agree that the demand for reservation of seats for Parsis and other minority communities under a joint electorate will result in securing for such communities a much less substantial representation than they are likely to obtain under the present scheme. For it would be ridiculous to claim reservation of seats and at the same time the right to contest in open elections for the non-reserved seats.

With the assurance that Mr. Kapadia conveys in his statement, we believe that on merit Parsi candidates of the right sort have a fair chance of securing greater representation on the Council than their numbers alone would justify. Under any electorate machinery, elections have to be fought on party lines with the help of party organisations, and not on communal lines. There are no communal interests either in Legislatures or in Local Bodies that require special protection through reservation of seats or separate electorates. The fundamental rights of every Indian citizen, to whatever community he belongs, are and can be adequately protected through constitutional guarantees. We sincerely believe that the demand for reservation of seats or separate representation by any community is likely to increase communal estrangement, and will not only mar the harmonious working of our administrative institutions in the future, but will leave a blot on the future constitution of India, humiliating for the leaders more especially of an advanced community like that of the Parsis.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) P. A. WADIA,
President, Freedom Group

SABAVALA'S REPLY

12th Nov. 1943.

Dear Mr. Wadia,

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 6th November.

I can assure you that we the members of the Corporation were quite glad to meet you and expound the case against the Adult Franchise and the division of Bombay into various small wards which will so mutilate the minority vote that no representation will be possible.

I now see that you had a conference with Mr. Motichand Kapadia, Leader of the Congress Party of the Bombay Municipality. You are also telling me that Mr. Motichand's view is that at least 10 Parsis will be represented in the Corporation. This is only Mr. Motichand's personal views, totally unsupported by facts. We took infinite trouble to explain to you the figures both on population basis and the rateable or the taxable capacity of different communities which would carry with it its own weightage.

I also pointed out that the Municipal franchise in England is based not on adult franchise but on landlord and tenant basis.

In conclusion I may tell you that it is our emphatic opinion that the minorities should now demand its own electorate, if the franchise is to be based on adult franchise. My impression is that your Freedom Group is ridden with too much fear of the majority community. So far as I could see from the trend of your discussion that you would rather ask the minorities to lie low as best as we can under the circumstances.

My idea of freedom is totally different. I claim to be a full-blooded Indian who will fight for his rights and demand that all the avenues of service to my country shall be open to me. This I believe is a fundamental difference of thought and rather than merge in a party based on Nazi methods I will prefer mutilation.

If I can be of any service in bringing about a compromise based on what I have stated above you may utilise me.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) A. P. SABAWALA

GROUNDLESS FEARS

16th November, 1943.

Dear Mr. Sabavala,

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 12th instant.

With regard to what you call the mutilation of the minority vote on account of the division of Bombay into various small wards you and your colleagues were good enough to inform us at the meeting we had with you that owing to the small numerical strength of the Parsees, neither the present arrangements of the wards nor any possible regroupin of the wards could enlarge the number of Parsee voters in such a manner, that in the event of voting being purely on communal lines these would be helpful to Parsee candidates. As for the fear expressed in your letter that no representation of Parsees is possible under these circumstances, my committee would like to point out that this fear of yours is entirely groundless. You yourself were good enough to inform us that your candidature in the Corporation had received the support not only of Parsee but of Non-Parsee voters (Muslims and Christians). Dr. Sorab Mehta gladly admitted that in a ward with only 800 Parsee voters out of a total voting strength of 12,000 he could easily get elected, mainly with the support of the Non-Parsee voters. Prof. Davar frankly admitted to two members of our committee, who saw him before we met you, that he had topped the successful candidates in his constituency mainly with Non-Parsee votes. Corporators like Messrs. Nariman, Masani and Jhabwala have unequivocally declared that they owe their election to Non-Parsee voters. We feel that but for an appreciable support from Non-Parsee voters, not one of the Parsee Corporators would be elected. Under these circumstances, borne out by what you and your colleagues stated, we are sure all of you will admit that your fears about there being no Parsee representation in the Corporation are quite groundless.

We are, therefore, inclined to agree with what Mr. Motichand Kapadia stated that in his opinion there would be at least 10 Parsees in the Corporation. You have omitted in your letter to refer to the earlier part of Mr. Kapadia's statement, namely, that the Congress does not intend to contest all the 114 elected seats, but will content itself with a working majority leaving the rest to be contested by other parties and groups. In view of this, may we know why you and your colleagues feel that some of these seats will not be easily secured by Parsees, even Parsees without Congress affiliation? With regard to your reference to the taxable capacity of different communities, we feel such considerations have no bearing on representation in the Corporation, particularly as the Corporation has to provide civic amenities for all alike whether rich or poor.

My committee regret that with an adult franchise you should think of demanding separate electorate. Far from the Freedom Group being ridden with fear of the majority community, there can be no doubt that those who seek shelter behind the communal franchise are subject to an inferiority complex and are ridden by the fear that they cannot succeed in elections on merits, as the Parsees have hitherto invariably succeeded.

My committee is glad to note that you call yourself a full-blooded Indian. We would accordingly expect that you would claim rights and contest seats on civic or legislative bodies as an Indian, and not by virtue of your being the member of any particular community. As for your statement that you want to demand that all avenues of service to your country should be open to you, it is difficult for us to understand such a statement in view of the fact that, at the present moment, there is no legal disability attaching to you or to any other Indian in this respect. All Indians stand on a footing of perfect equality with regard to the opportunities they may desire to have for serving their country. Under any democratic dispensation, the confidence that anyone is able to command among the people is the true test of being chosen to serve, and Indians of all communities, classes and creeds have successfully passed through this test. If one has not sufficient confidence in oneself to feel that he could pass through such a test, he must seek within himself for the cause of such failure.

You describe the Congress party as being based on Nazi method. If we remember aright, when Fascism and Nazism were not such an anathema to our foreign rulers, you were proud to proclaim yourself to be a Fascist. You also seem to forget altogether the fact that the party which you accuse of being based on Nazi methods has always declared itself uncompromisingly opposed to these trends of thought.

We fear that our outlook is so different that it would not be possible to make use of your services, so kindly placed at our disposal. However, if after perusing these lines, you and your colleagues find anything common between your goodselves and us, we gladly put ourselves at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) P. A. WADIA.

Discussion On Birth Control

City Fathers' Opposition

The Municipal Corporation further discussed on Tuesday the resolution regarding facilities to be provided for instructions and advice in the methods of control of conception to those married persons who seek them, in the interests of their own health. For want of time, however Mr. M. R. Masani, the Mayor, adjourned further discussion to Thursday. Once again, some women had come to listen to the debate.

Dr. J. Colleco opposing the resolution said: the question of birth control had come to the Corporation twice before, and once also in the Legislative Assembly, but did not find support. In birth control, he thought, there was no sense. If birth control was resorted, he apprehended, it would encourage immorality. It was not the poor, but the rich who wanted to indulge in immorality desired birth control, because they did not believe in self-control.

Mr. M. O. E. Patel also opposed the resolution and said birth control was against the spirit of Islam. India had a vast scope of development in agricultural and industrial production, but unfortunately it being not a free country, it had not made any progress or headway, while Japan had increased its productivity four times and China thrice in the last fifty years. What was wanted, he emphasised, was not birth control but proper distribution of labour.

Mr. A. P. Sabavala supported the resolution and urged the House to keep religion away from discussion, because what the prophets said a thousand years ago, might have been right then, but they had to march with time according to circumstances. Birth control was a simple matter of health of the woman. It was not the question of prevention of births, but spacing of births.

At this stage, further discussion was adjourned till Thursday.

PETTY STATES MERGERS

Order-in-Council Expected Shortly

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18.

An Order-in-Council is expected to be issued probably this month to remove the lacuna which led the Ajmere Court to declare the Smaller States Merger Scheme 'ultra vires.'

The Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes, which held a two-day session earlier this week, is expected to meet again in March to consider the Merger Scheme again.

With regard to the development of air transport in this country and post-war development plans your correspondent learns that the view of the committee was that no decisions on future development of air transport be taken without consulting the Princely Order. This particularly applies to grant of monopolies to operate on specified air-routes in this country. The committee is believed also to have urged for one Central authority responsible for transport development of all sorts, such as air, water, rail and road.

M. P. TAKES EXCEPTION TO QUESTION ON INDIA

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The Chinese Goodwill Mission is leaving England shortly. Dr. Wang, leader of the Mission which had been here for over six weeks, at a press conference held at Ministry of Information said that he was satisfied with and impressed by the gigantic British war effort.

Asked by the 'United Press of India' if the opinion expressed by Marshal Chiang-Kai-shek when he came to India that Britain without waiting for any demands from the Indian people should as speedily as possible give them real political power, was still being held by him and the Chinese people, Dr. Wang said that the Chinese people were desirous of a settlement of the Indian political deadlock.

Mr. Thurtle, M.P., Secretary to the Ministry of Information, who presided over the Press Conference, said that the 'United Press of India's' question was unfair to the guests; but in spite of his intervention Dr. Wang gave the above answer.

BIG MAJORITY FOR CONGRESS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 18.

The Congress got a thumping majority in the elections to the Ahmedabad, Panchmahal, and Kaira District Boards. Out of the 38 non-Muslim seats in the Kaira District Board 28 were captured by the Congress.

WEAR AND TEAR OF PRODUCER-GAS VEHICLES

The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, have addressed a letter to the Secretary, the Central Board of Revenue, New Delhi, requesting the Board to consider the question of allowing depreciation at a higher rate in case of vehicles fitted with producer-gas-plants.

The Chamber says that higher depreciation allowance is necessary under the Income-tax Rules as wear and tear of vehicles so fitted is greater and their life shorter.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"Britain's responsibility for minority interests in India is a very real and clear-cut obligation and not a matter in which any blurring of the edges can be suffered.

"The efforts and sacrifices of the people of India in the two Great Wars on behalf of the Empire are reasons which alone, apart from other things, make any weakening on this point the gravest betrayal of the sacred imperial trust. The clamour that has arisen at various times in some quarters, both here and overseas, that the British Government should show greater boldness and imagination and hand over its powers finally to India has no sound basis. There has been no party or combination of parties in India in which the British Government could have handed over."

—Sir Geoffrey de Montmorency, ex-Governor of Punjab.

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The British Foreign Office has denied the "Pravda" story that "a secret meeting recently took place between Herr von Ribbentrop and leading English figures."

Thanks to the denial we at least know what the "Pravda" had originally said. We shall welcome a few more such interesting denials.

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Time-bombs were discovered in oranges imported into England from Spain.

And as a result Franco has landed himself in a juicy mess—even though the bombs did not go off!

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The placing of these bombs is suspected to be the work of Nazi agents.

It could also be the trick of Spanish orange-grove owners to be able to sell more oranges to Britain.

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At a local meeting, Mr. Beverley Nichols asserted that the political situation in the country should provide Indian artists with their greatest inspiration.

Perhaps he is unfamiliar with the Defence of India Rules and our lynx-eyed censors.

Or does he want a mural fresco of the Viceroy's Durbar?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *Mr. Beverley Nichols has purchased a local artist's painting, entitled, "August Nine" and is taking it with him to England to exhibit it at the Royal Academy as a specimen of art depicting the "living reality of India".*

(2) *Also he has acquired the entire collection of Chittaprosad's black-and-white sketches and Sunil's photographs of starving Bengal and will exhibit them at a "Blessings of the British Raj" exhibition in England.*

(3) *Now that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has started improving and brushing up his Urdu, Mr. Jinnah has decided that it is time for him to do the same.*

(4) *But as he hardly gets time for literary studies in the rush of political activity, the Qaid-e-Azam may even court imprisonment to be able to study Urdu literature in peace.*

ECHO OF HARIPUR INCIDENTS

Three Constables Dismissed And Sub-Inspector Suspended

PESHAWAR, Jan. 18.

With the arrest of two more persons in connection with the recent happenings at Haripur the total number of arrests has risen to fifty.

While the departmental inquiry against the additional police by the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Frontier Province, is still proceeding, three constables of the additional police force have already been dismissed. One sub-Inspector has been suspended and one head constable has been reverted to the lower rank.

A large quantity of looted property has been recovered by the police from neighbouring villages.

A deputation of Hindus' and Sikhs' Defence Committee of Haripur is meeting the Inspector-General of Police this evening.

GURDWARA COMMITTEE'S DEMAND

AMRITSAR, Jan. 18: The situation arising out of the Haripur happenings was considered at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, held yesterday. Master Tara Singh presided. The meeting adopted a resolution condemning the Haripur outrage and demanding that the culprits should be severely dealt with.—A. P.

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DESTITUTES FLOOD BACK TO CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, January 18.

Deaths of paupers in Calcutta numbered 328 last week, according to the vital statistics of the Calcutta Corporation. Figures for the weeks ending January 1 and 8 were 299 and 302 respectively.

This increase, according to the city's Health Officer, could be ascribed to "a large number of destitutes pouring again into the city in view of the still acute food situation in mofussil", and causing "real concern" to the Municipal authorities.

Deaths from all causes however, recorded a fall from the previous week's figure of 1,280 by 38.

The statistics for the main diseases for this week and the week preceding are as follows: Smallpox: 150 attacks and 116 deaths as against 147 and 109, respectively; Cholera: 67 attacks and 38 deaths as against 77 and 38, respectively; and Malaria: 70 deaths as against 92.—A. P.

11 Die In Calcutta Hospitals

CALCUTTA, Jan. 18.

Yesterday 11 sick destitutes died in various hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs.

Devadas Sees Kasturba

POONA, Jan. 18.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi arrived here this morning from Madras and had been to Aga Khan Palace this afternoon to see his mother, Mrs Kasturba Gandhi.—United Press.

TWO-DAY BLACK OUT FOR KARACHI STREETS

KARACHI, Jan. 18.

All cinema houses in Karachi have been ordered not to use electric energy "for any purpose whatsoever" for two days. During the same period there will be no street lights anywhere in Karachi. Both the orders have been passed under the Defence of India Rules as a further measure to meet the "serious situation" at the power house."—A. P.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18: A press note says:—"Wireman Bernard Frank Franklin, H.M.I.S. 'Himalaya' has been awarded the British Empire Medal for his work in recovering an unexploded depth charge, set to explode at twenty feet, from twenty-five feet of water on the coast of India, last August—A. P.

JUSTICE RAJADHYAKSHA'S TERM EXTENDED

NEW DELHI, Jan. 18.

The Governor-General has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mr. Justice Ganpat Sakharam Rajadhyaksha, I.C.S., to be an Additional Judge of the Bombay High Court for a further period from 1st March 1944 to 26th August 1944.—A. P.

Arrested For Possession Of Objectionable Literature

DHARWAR, Jan. 17.

The trial of N. T. Dabade who was arrested on Saturday last began on Monday in the Court of Dharwar City Magistrate.

The accused did not take part in the trial. Charges under Sec. 39 (6) and 39 (11B) were framed against him for possession of objectionable literature. The case was postponed till Tuesday.—A. P.

Madura Journalists Entertain Amritlal Seth

MADURA, Jan. 17.

Mr. Amritlal D. Sheth, Proprietor, "Jhanmabhoomi" Bombay was entertained to tea this evening by the local Gujerathi Samaj.

Mr. Seth is now visiting South India and is leaving for Trivandrum to-day morning.—A. P.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Jan. 18: Sir Thomas Ainscough lunched at Government House.

Lady Colville attended an 'At Home' given by the Committee of the Princess Victoria Mary Gymkhana.

TO CURB SPECULATION IN FOREIGN COTTON

India Govt.'s Notification Requires Returns Every Fortnight

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17.

With the object of curbing speculation in foreign cotton already in this country a notification by the Government of India in the Gazette issued to-day calls upon all holders of such cotton to submit to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, by February 15 and thereafter by the 15th of each succeeding month returns showing details of all foreign cotton held by them.

Mills which already submit these details to the Cotton Movements Committee of the Textile Control Board need not submit returns under the new order but all merchants and other holders of foreign cotton must now submit details of their stocks of foreign cotton as on January 1, 1944, their receipts during January, their sales during January and their stocks as on January 31.

This demand for information covers all descriptions of foreign cotton. Thereafter, the order states that no person shall sell or purchase any foreign cotton named in the schedule except under valid licence granted by the Textile Commissioner. The latter may also require any person to sell to any other person any given quantities of any foreign cotton enumerated in the schedule.

As the schedule, to which reference is made, names only Egyptian cotton of all types, other descriptions of foreign cotton do not at present come under the price provisions of the order so far as it applies to sales and purchases. Information concerning stocks, receipts and sales of all foreign cotton must however be submitted each month to the Textile Commissioner.

The order may briefly be summarised as demanding information concerning all foreign cotton held by stockists in India and permitting sales or purchases of Egyptian cotton already in this country only with the permission of the Textile Commissioner and at prices approved by that official.—A. P.

"LIFE'S" INDIAN EDITOR TO STAND TRIAL

Charged With Not Complying With Notice To Join British Army

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The Indian, Mr Suresh Vaidya who is one of the London editors of the American papers "Time" and "Life" will appear at a London Police Court to-day Tuesday on a summons alleging failure to comply with a call up notice for the British army.

Mr Vaidya who is an Indian Nationalist, is a leading member of the Federation of Indian organisations in Britain.

The case is believed to be the first of its kind in which an Indian living in this country has been summoned.—Reuter

Khan Saheb Expects Sikhs To Choose Right Man To Represent In Assembly

PESHAWAR, Jan. 17.

"We are not concerned with victory or defeat, as our chief duty is to reach the masses and explain our programme to achieve our final goal of independence," said Dr. Khan Sahib, former Premier of the Frontier Province, addressing a meeting of young Sikhs of Peshawar held in connection with the ensuing Sikh by-election to the Provincial Assembly.

Dr. Khan Sahib added: "I am confident that Sikhs will not lag behind in our struggle for independence and will choose the right man for the right place to represent them in the Assembly."

Replying to questions about the actual position of Rao Bahadur Meherchand Khanna, Dr. Khan Sahib said: "Rao Bahadur Meherchand Khanna is not an office bearer of the Congress but he is only the secretary of the Opposition in the Assembly. I will welcome anybody who is ready to help us in achieving independence though some may not be able to stick to us to the last."—United Press.

HUBLI, Jan. 17. A merchant was sentenced on Monday to pay a fine of Rs. 500 for having smuggled 68 bags of paddy from Kalghatgi to Hubli, while the abetter was fined Rs. 200.

The accused were tried by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and pleaded guilty.—A. P.

INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO MEDICINE

Hill Wants Ablest Students To Go To U. K.

One of the things that could be done by the Indians to advance the knowledge of medicine and science was to send out to the United Kingdom, India's ablest and brightest students.

This was the burden of a speech made by Prof. A. V. Hill, M. P., at a tea party given to him by the President and members of the Managing Committee of the Grant Medical College, in the College Library hall, on Tuesday. Lt-Col. Jelal M. Shah welcomed the guests.

Prof. Hill believed that in the next few years, interesting things would be happening in England. Partly, war was responsible for this. Times were also changing. And he believed it was good to be in such a place at the beginning of a new movement.

Referring to the work of the Inter-Department Committee on medical schools, of which he happened to be a member, he said that the Committee might submit its report in March. He referred to suggestions made before the Committee for reducing the course of training, for a guarantee of a full-time employment and the granting of sufficient time and facilities for research. There would be more and more emphasis on what was known as "social medicine", which was important in its preventive measures.

STATE MEDICAL SERVICE

Replying to a question whether something like Beveridge Committee recommendations could be applied to India also, Prof. Hill remarked that the Indian problem was an immense one. While he emphasised the need to raise the standard of living, he believed state medical service of some kind could be devised. It was complete nonsense to say that efficiency would suffer if medical men were paid by the State. The Royal Indian Navy, he said, citing an example, used to live by piracy. Now it had been put on a salary basis and he did not think that its efficiency, in any way, had been impaired. It was difficult to believe that people would not do their job, if they were paid by their job.

Dr. B. G. Vad, proposing a vote of thanks, referred to Mr. Hill's speech made on the previous day, in which he had raised the question of India's contribution to science. He had asked whether, India would do it in collaboration or in isolation, as it was done in the Soviet Union. Dr. Vad stated it was a poser. It was not for him to give a reply. A reply to the question rested with those who had the power to decide. But he assured Prof. Hill that, Indians would be prepared to co-operate with the British as a self-respecting nation in the cause of advancement of science and medicine.

Prof. Hill's Hints To Athletes

"Some aspects of the physiology of athletics" was the subject of a learned discourse delivered by Prof. A. V. Hill, under the auspices of the Bombay University, at the St. Xavier's School Hall, on Tuesday evening. Mr. B. J. Wadia, Vice-Chancellor presided.

Mr. Wadia said that it was a high honour to welcome a man who is a leading light in the world of science. In spite of the present world disaster for which not science but man was responsible, he believed that there is between science and social welfare a connection which was indissoluble.

Prof. Hill's lecture consisted of an account of a series of experiments he had made to measure the energy used up by a person doing piece of athletics and the heat produced in recovering from exhaustion after doing a job. By means of lantern slides he showed various experiments he had conducted on runners and also on people climbing the stairs of the Woolworth building. Starting with the question why a man uses up more energy when he runs faster than when he runs slower and also noting the fact that a long drawn out task uses up more energy than a shorter one, he derived exact figures of oxygen that a man can use up in running or a similar act and the quantity of oxygen needed for recovery. From these, he showed how it would be possible to indulge in a kind of "physiological engineering" and estimate the time a man will take up to run a given distance.

Some of the interesting facts revealed by these experiments are that the maximum speed at which a man can run is 35 feet per second, that in every minute of work a good athlete uses up four litres of oxygen per minute involving 64,000 foot pounds or two horse power of energy, and that the best way of running a race is to run at a uniform speed throughout.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Jan. 18.

SHARES: The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled steady to-day on replacement buying. Tata Steel Shares fluctuated within a narrow tendency.

ACTIVE SHARE AT A GLANCE

Tata Steel Ord (412) 413/8 11 13/8 10 12 11 11/8 413 T S Dfd (2092/8) 2092/8 2110 2097 87 95 87 2100 7/8 2096/4 2100 2110 Dyeing (2037/8) 2035 43 40 28 38 35 47 40 42 50 Century (982) 982 84 80 82 81 80 82 80 94 89 90 92 Kohinoor (689) 686 95 93 91 88 701 697 700 698 700 710 Swadesh (616) 617 14 18 14 19 621 Nagpur (471) 468 71 67 65/8 67 71 69 71 Simplex (290) 291 92 91 89 92 90 92/8 New Great (483) 483 81/8 84 80 84 82 90 89 Tata Power (1887) 1900 2/8 1895 90 1900 Cement (225/4) 225 25/8 24 4 25 4 24/4 25/4

while in Kohinoors there was increased buying inquiry from prominent quarters with the rate advancing to Rs 701. Bombay Dyeing met some short covering and the rate improved to Rs 2,047. A. C. C. were placed at Rs. 224 on the whole the market was steady.

BULLION: The Bullion Market was quiet but steady. Prices moved within a narrow range. Gold short settlement was quoting at Rs 70-12 and Silver Rs. 116-8.

Later on the market was quiet with increased realising. Quotations Ready Silver Rs. 118/4, delivery Rs. 115. Ready Gold Rs. 71/2/6 delivery Rs 70/14/6. Soverigns Rs. 49/3.

COTTON: The Bombay Cotton Market was listless but prices fluctuated within a narrow tendency. March settlement was quoted around Rs. 474-8. Operators are inclined to await fresh developments.

Later on the market was dull but towards the close there was increased tired liquidation and March declined to Rs. 469. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I. C. C. January Rs. 475.
I. C. C. March Rs. 469.
I. C. C. May Rs. 470.
I. C. C. July Rs. 474.

PRODUCE: Groundnuts Baxar delivery Bold Rs 72, Koromondal Rs. 75, Khandesh Rs. 76. Delivery terms February-March Bold Rs 14-7 Khandesh quality Rs. 15-4, Goa delivery Rs. 15-8. Castorseeds nominal January-February Rs. 15/4, Goa delivery Rs. 15/8, Linseed Bold Rs 13-12. Small Rs 13-2.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay Jan. 17.

I. C. C. January high 481 low 480/4, close 481. I. C. C. March high 475, low 473 close 474/12. I. C. C. May high 477, low 475/4, close 476. I. C. C. July high 481 low 479, close 480/12.

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay Jan. 17.

I. C. C. January tenders of 150 Bales were issued on Monday. Total tenders now stand at 5,700 Bales.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton Contract March is under New York March 150 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York Jan. 17.

March 19.80 May 19.50. July 19.22. Middling Spot 20.64.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York Jan. 17.

March 19.92 May 19.67. July 19.41. Middling Spot 19.76.

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

New York Jan. 17.

March 19.77 May 19.47 July 19.21.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Jan. 18.

SUGAR AND BREWERIES: Deccan big 36/8, do Small 83/8. India Sugar 21/4. Mysore Sugar 62/8. South India 12/4. Travancore 16/8.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 18/2 Chembra Peaks 12/10. Devarshola 12, Pringfords 20/12, Manalur 8/2, Ouchterlony 16/2, Travancore 25, Valkundam 21/10, Vellamalai 28/2, Vellitam 35/8, Woodlands 16/4.

Sales Of Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 18th January 1944. Total amount offered was Rs. 12,11,25,000 (Rupees twelve crores eleven lakhs twenty-five thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99-14-0 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-13-9 allotted approximately 57 per cent. lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs Eight Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re 0-8-8 per cent per annum.

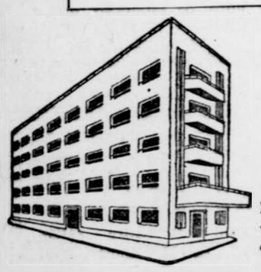
Tenders for Re Eight Crores of three months' Goevrnment of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 25th January 1944, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday the 24th January 1944 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 28th January 1944. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 14th January 1944, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 3,94,00,000—(Rupees three Crores ninety-four lakhs only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

INVESTMENT?

We are getting lots of buying enquiries from all over India for the following Shares which we may possibly supply at the best available Rates

NAME OF CONCERNS	PAID UP VALUE PER SHARE: ORDINARY	PREFERENCE	DEFERRED	LAST DIVIDEND
National Nutriments, Ltd.	Rs. 20-0-0.	Rs. 10-0-0.	Re. 1-0-0.	20%, 7½% & 100% on Ordinary, Preference and Deferred shares respectively.
Bengal Luxmi Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Rs. 40-0-0.	x	x	40% in 1942.
Hindusthan Co-operative Ins. Society, Ltd.	Rs. 25-0-0.	x	x	x
Mica Mining & Trading Co. of India,, Ltd.	Rs. 25-0-0.	Rs. 100-0-0.	Rs. 2-8-0.	10% & 7% in 1942 and 10% & 7% in 1943 on Ordinary & Preference shares.
Comilla Union Bank, Ltd.	Rs. 25-0-0.	x	x	10 Per cent.
Lebong & Mineral Spring Tea Co., Ltd.	Rs. 10-0-0.	Rs. 100-0-0.	x	New Issue Good Dividend expected on the workings up to 31st December, 1943.
Comilla Banking Corp. Ltd.	Rs. 10-0-0.	x	x	12 Per cent.
Central Tipperah Tea Co., Ltd.	Rs. 10-0-0.	x	x	5% in 1940, 10% in 1941, 10% in 1942.
Lohar Velley Tea Co., Ltd.	Rs. 25-0-0.	x	x	6% in 1941 & 6% in 1942.
Gopalpur Tea Co., Ltd.	Rs. 25-0-0.	x	x	160% in 1942.
Land Trust of India, Ltd.	Rs. 10-0-0.	x	x	6% in 1941 & 6% in 1942.
Hindusthan Laboratories, Ltd.	Rs. 25-0-0.	x	x	6% in 1941 & 6% in 1942.
Dakeswari Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Rs. 10-0-0.	Rs. 100-0-0.	x	25% & 6% in 1941.
Aryan Silk & Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Rs. 50-0-0.	x	Re. 1-0-0.	New Issue
Mohini Mills, Ltd.	Rs. 10-0-0 & Rs. 25-0-0.	x	x	25% in 1942.



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No. 2.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

The Foreign Office denied the story reported from Cairo and published in the PRAVDA that a secret meeting recently took place between Herr Von Ribbentrop and leading English figures. Bismark once said: "Nothing is true until it is officially denied." This, of course, is not so in this case.

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To learn that our industrialists are capable of thinking in terms of 5-year plans is the most refreshing thing to happen in the world of industry. A mixed crew have appended their signatures to a plan which will revolutionize living conditions in India within 15 years. If these industrialists had paid but a fleeting visit to the cloakrooms of a certain Indian Club during the Cricket Matches, they would have realized that 15 years was not enough to revolutionize living conditions here. However, there's no harm in letting our industrialists believe they can form 15 year plans. It's a harmless hobby at the utmost.

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May I point out to LITTLE MAN of the "Sentinel" that this week's spot news (published in yesterday evening's paper) about Government sending eight journalists *at Government's expense* is NOT CORRECT? Government decided long ago NOT to send any journalists at Government's expense.

FREE MEDICAL ADVICE

We have opened a "Clinical Department" under the direct supervision of qualified and experienced physicians and surgeons. All persons suffering from loss of vitality and vigour premature old age, lack of stamina, married and personal hygiene problems, female irregularities and disorders, DEFORMITIES OF THE BUST, (sagging, infantile over-developed, etc.) MENTAL AND NERVOUS DISORDERS (psychoanalytic and suggestive therapeutics under deep hypnosis) OBESITY (planned diet reeducative exercises, electro vibratory massage and hormone-vitamin-mineral feeding), ALL CONSTITUTIONAL CHRONIC DISEASES WHICH HAVE DEFIED ALL TREATMENTS etc., can now secure personal individualised treatment and expert guidance. Latest laboratory equipmen. to facilitate 'exact diagnosis' available ELECTROTHERAPY (diathermy ultra short-wave therapy, electro surgery, deep X-ray therapy actinotherapy ultra-violet and intra-red radiations, electric ionisation etc., etc.), with latest modern apparatuses is a SPECIALITY at our CLINIC. Consultations free. Strictest privacy and confidence guaranteed. Consult in person between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on any weekday. (Saturdays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.) If you cannot visit us personally send the full history of your case in detail (if possible ask your family physician to send us a detailed report) and a STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE for "diagnosis and suggested treatment" of your case.

Send Rs. 2 (postage 8 as. extra) by Money Order or Postal Order (or by V.P.P. for Rs. 2-10), for a copy of the latest revised and enlarged 3rd edition of "Health and Vitality by Modern Methods." Contains over 450 pages and 200 illustrations. Everything you want to know about hormones, vitamins, rejuvenation, beautifying the bust contour female disorders, etc., etc., is described in minutest detail in this hand-book. Nothing like it ever published before. ASK FOR OUR FREE CIRCULAR DESCRIBING MOST OF OUR OUTSTANDING PRODUCTS AND OUR PRIVATE COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS "HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED"

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For booking of goods to Bombay Via NAVLAKHI PORT the consignments may be booked to NAVLAKHI and the Railway Receipts may be sent to our Agent Mr. J. T. KOTAK, Morvi or Navlakhi who will arrange to despatch the goods to Bombay as per instructions from the sender. He will also arrange for marine insurance.

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Traffic Supdt's Office, Morvi Dt. 27th Octr 1943. V. J. DAFTARY, Traffic Superintendent.

MUTT AND JEFF—Any Actor Can Get Mixed Up with a Long Part Like This — By BUD FISHER

IT IS! IT IS! IT IS! IT IS! IT IS! IT IS!
WHAT IS?
OH, HELLO, MUTT! I GOT A SPEAKING PART IN A SHOW! AT THE END I SAY, "IT IS!"
THREE WEEKS LATER
IT IS! IT IS! IT IS! IT IS! IT IS! IT IS!
MY DEAR, NOW WE WILL LIVE HAPPY EVER AFTER!
SO THIS IS THE END!
IS IT?

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20. MATRIMONIAL

Beautiful, extremely goodnatured Hindu lady, with child of 4 years wants marriage with rich respectable gentleman. Apply Box No 3798, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted for a highly educated good looking young Maharastrian girl, a prosperous and very well settled match. Write with particulars to Box No. 3801, "Bombay Chronicle". Correspondence from the members of His Majesty's Forces will not be entertained.

Wanted suitable Vadama bridegroom other than Vadhula Gothrain for a very beautiful girl, aged 16, and well versed in household duties. No dowry offered. Apply Box No. 3806, "Bombay Chronicle"

Wanted Brahmin bridegroom, non-athraiya gotram, for a beautiful girl of 17. Moderate dowry. Write Box No. 3808, "Bombay Chronicle.". Correspondence from the members of His Majesty's Forces will not be entertained. (3308)

40. SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted door to door sales Canvassers in each town (male and female), eloquent, honest and capable. Apply to Albert Davidson, Shivaji Park, Bombay 28. (7509)

Audit Clerk (BCom. or G.D.A. preferred) and Typist wanted. Apply stating minimum salary expected and experience Box No. 3805, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Laundrymen Ironers and Dry-Cleaners. Apply Pravin Laundry, Matunga, G.I.P., Bombay. (3794)

Wanted by Mercantile Firm in East Africa, Gujarati Clerks, knowing English Correspondence, typewriting and general office work. Apply with minimum salary required to Box No. 3796, 'Bombay Chronicle.'

Wanted: Experienced Engineer for Oil Mill & Ice Factory, and an Expeller Mistry. Apply stating experience with testimonials and pay acceptable. Care Box No. 3745, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted immediately Chemist for manufacturing sulphuric acid and other chemicals. Good chance for really capable persons. Pay according to qualification and experience. Apply stating age, qualification, experience and salary acceptable to Box No. 3753, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted by the Indian Chemical Manufacturers Association, Calcutta a graduate in pharmaceutical chemistry for the post of Technical Assistant Secretary of the Association on a salary of Rs. 200 to 250 on confirmation after six months, and a grade of 20-350. Applicants having specialised in Applied Chemistry will be preferred. Experience in secretarial work will be considered an additional qualification. Applications stating the qualifications, experience etc., with the necessary testimonials should reach the Secretary, Indian Chemical Manufacturers Association, 102-A, Clive Street, Calcutta not later than Friday the 28th January, 1944. (7500)

FINANCE & PARTNERSHIP

Wanted financier for straw and pulp board running concern. Write to Box No. 3803, "Bombay Chronicle."

653. MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

Wanted Standard and Portable Typewriters. Consult Bhatia & Co. 236, Kalbadevi Road. Tel. 27792. (3773)

Wanted a Saw Mill, complete with Oil or Steam Engine and Boiler. Also a Mechanic conversant with the working of an electric soapstone pulverizer. Apply with particulars and salary to Indian Minerals Limited, Dohad. (7493)

632. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Asbestos fibre, wool, dust, raw etc. available in large quantity from Mine in Behar. Buyers are requested to communicate to Box No. 3640 "Bombay Chronicle."

Ladies Please! For "Victory" Lady Luck stockings and "Victory" Handkerchiefs of quality and under-wear of all kinds please drop a line to Dave Hosiery Works Rajkot. (7354)

PUBLIC NOTICES

INCREASE IN TAXI FARES

IT IS HEREWITH PUBLISHED for the information of the public that as from Thursday the 20th January, 1944, fares for taxis plying in Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District have been increased from Annas 8|- to Annas 10|- per mile.

For taxis registered in Bombay City limits, plying on taxi meters this will represent a surcharge of Annas 4|- per mile or any fraction thereof above the present meter reading of Annas 6|- per mile.

E. SHEEHY,
Secretary,
Regional Transport Authority.
Bombay.

Office of the Regional Transport Authority,
Gymnasium Road, Bombay,
18th January, 1944.
(7520)

NOTICE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of The Premier Construction Co Ltd., have recommended at their Meeting held on the 18th January 1944 dividends at 6¼% (less tax) per Preference Share and 2nd Preference Share, and Rs. 8|- per Ordinary Share (free of income-tax) including the Interim Dividends declared in July last, for the year ended 31-12-1943. (7519)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
NOTICE

THE MUNICIPAL Infectious Diseases Hospital at Arthur Road is intended primarily for cases of Plague, Small-pox and Cholera. Owing to increased prevalence of Smallpox in the City at present cases of other less dangerous and acute infectious diseases will be admitted if beds are available. Cases of CHICKEN-POX, MUMPS, WHOOPING COUGH and MEASLES which are relatively less dangerous to life and public health WILL NOT BE ADMITTED save in very exceptional circumstances.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay

Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 18th January, 1944.
(7514)

TENDER NOTICE

CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, Purchase Branch, Strand House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, invites tenders for the Stores detailed below.

Glass sheet clear selected glazing for body side window.
Tender No. BSY|G.ABS 249

Price of Tender forms, etc., is Rs. 3|- per set and is not refundable. Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order only to Controller of Supplies (Purchase Branch) Bombay quoting Tender No. and remitter's full address on the coupon in the case of Money Orders.

Tenders will be received upto 4 P.M. on 26-1-44.

Applicants not already on the list of approved contractors maintained by the Chief Administrative Officer, Purchase Branch, Dept. of Supply, must state in their application for tender forms the name of their bankers. (7513)

"PILOTS FOR INDIAN AIR FORCE"

F|O A. Lodhie, I.A.F. will interview candidates for Pilots from 17th January to 21st January, 1944 at Technical Recruiting Office, Poona and from 22nd to 26th January, 1944 at Technical Recruiting Office, Bombay between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Young men between 17 1|2 and 26 years of age who are matriculates or hold equivalent qualifications should call on him for interview. (7485)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
Public Health Department
NOTICE

TENDERS for the supply of firewood for cremation purposes at the (1) Haines Road, (2) Bhoiwada No. 46, (3) Tank Bunder and (4) Sion cemeteries for one year from 1-3-1944 are reinvited and will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay on 2-2-1944 not later than 1 P.M. (B.T.).

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope which should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner, endorsed "TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE FIREWOOD TO THE CEMETERIES" and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Forms of Tender, specifications etc. will be given to any one on payment of Rupee one only by the undersigned from whom further information can be obtained.

The tender deposit to be paid along with the tender is Rs. 300|- for each Cemetery.

B. C. DASGUPTA,
Executive Health Officer.
Public Health Department,
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 18th January, 1944.
(7515)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Indians for the post of Junior Assistant Mechanical Superintendent. The Pay of the post is Rs. 400-25-500 and the selected candidate will be on agreement for the first three years, after which, if satisfactory, he would be eligible for appointment to the Trustees' permanent staff. The post is subject to the usual Leave and Provident Fund Rules of the Bombay Port Trust.

Candidates should preferably be Associate Members of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers or of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and hold the degree of B.Sc. (Engineering) or equivalent.

Candidates should have excluding the period of training, at least 8 years practical experience of mechanical and electrical engineering. A good all round knowledge of mechanical engineering is required, but special attention will be given to a candidate with marine engineering qualifications and experience.

The selected candidate will be required to obtain a certificate of physical fitness from the Port Trust Medical Officer.

Applications with copies of testimonials, which will not be returned, must be delivered to the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 15th February 1944 superscribed "POST OF JUNIOR ASSISTANT MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

G. E. TERREY,
M. Inst. C. E.,
Chief Engineer.
(7465)

PUBLIC NOTICES

PROCLAMATION

BOMBAY TO WIT:—By virtue of a Precept to me directed, I hereby proclaim and give notice that the First Sessions of 1944 of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery will be holden before the High Court of Judicature at Bombay at the Court House on THURSDAY, the 20th day of January, 1944, at 10-45 o'clock in the forenoon for the trial of all Treasons, Murders and other Felonies, Perjuries, Trespasses and other Crimes, Misdemeanors and offences committed within its jurisdiction.

(For further particulars see Bombay Government Gazette Part II, dated the 20th January, 1944).

Dated this 18th January, 1944

SHANTIDAS ASKURAN.
Sheriff of Bombay.
(7517)

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for vacancies in the Naval Store Department, H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay for Storehouse Assistants.

AGE:—Not above 30.

QUALIFICATIONS:— Graduate of recognised University.

PAY:—Rs. 90|- p.m. on probation (6 months) Rs. 100-5-115 (E.B.)-5-125 (E.B.)-5-200.

Apply in writing stating age, educational qualification and full details of experience with copies of certificates, to:—

THE NAVAL STORE OFFICER.
H.M.I. Dockyard, Bombay.
(enclosing date 24th January, 1944).
(7489)

PUBLIC AUCTION OF BUILDING SITES

On MONDAY, the 7th February 1944, at 12 Noon, the Collector will put to Public Auction the lease of Plot No. 12 in Block I of the Back Bay Reclamation, measuring about 1.819 sq. yds., and the lease of Plot No. 39 of the Dadar-Matunga Estate, measuring about 933 sq. yards. The Auction will be held in the Collector's Office in the Old Custom House Fort, Bombay.

2. Prospective lessees desiring to bid at the auction will have to deposit with the Collector Rs. 11,000|- in cash in respect of Plot No. 12, Back Bay Reclamation, and Rs. 3,360|- in respect of Plot No. 39 of the Dadar-Matunga Estate on the day previous to the date of auction. No deposit will be accepted on the day of auction. The deposit will be forfeited if a bidder withdraws from his bid made in auction.

3. The bidder whose bid is accepted by the Collector will have to execute immediately after the auction the usual offer form with the forms of Agreement and lease attached, with a further deposit if necessary.

4. The Collector is not bound to accept the highest or any bid and the acceptance of a bid by the Collector is subject to the sanction of the Government.

5. Other conditions of lease could be seen in the office of the Superintendent, City, Survey, in the Old Custom House, Fort, Bombay.

N. A. FARUQUI,
Collector of Bombay.

Collector's Office,
Bombay, 17th Jan. 1944.
(7508)

G. I. P. RAILWAY
IMPORTANT NOTICE
RESERVATION OF I & II CLASS BERTHS AT VICTORIA TERMINUS

To minimise inconvenience to the public and to enable the Railway Administration to regulate the reservation of upper class accommodation by its trains, the following procedure has been introduced:

(i) All requests for provisional reservations whether by 'phone, in person or by letter are serially numbered and entered in the order in which they are received, whether accommodation is at the time available or not.

(ii) No reservation is assured unless the requisition therefor is confirmed by purchasing the requisite rail and berth reservation tickets—
(I) for journeys over 150 miles
(a) at least 7 days before the date of commencement of journey, if the provisional reservation was asked for more than 7 days in advance of the date;
(b) within 24 hours of the request for provisional reservation, if that requisition was made 7 days or less in advance of the journey.
(II) for journeys of less than 150 miles—
(a) not less than 12 hours before the advertised departure of the train concerned.

(iii) Provisional reservation not thus confirmed will be cancelled, and if the requisition is repeated thereafter, it will be given a new number and treated as an entirely fresh application.

(iv) When a provisional reservation is cancelled, the person next following on the list of advance requests will be allotted the accommodation, and advised of this by telephone if his telephone number has been declared and entered against his name.

Full particulars can be obtained from the Reservation Office, Victoria. (7511)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for temporary posts of Clerks in the following scales:—

4 Posts on Scale Rs. 140|- p.m. plus 15% Bombay Local Allowance plus at present Rs. 16|- Dearness Allowance.

4 Posts on scale Rs. 100|- p.m. plus 15% Bombay Local Allowance plus at present Rs. 16 Dearness Allowance.

7 Posts on Scale Rs. 30-50-80 p.m. plus 20% Bombay Local Allowance upto Rs. 50|- p.m. only and 15% Bombay Local Allowance from Rs. 51|- to Rs. 80|- p.m. and at present Rs. 16|- Dearness Allowance.

Minimum educational qualification required is Matriculate or its equivalent for the lowest scale above. Starting salary in each scale will depend upon educational qualifications, experience and ability.

Application forms can be had on payment of Re. 1|- per form from the Controller of Stores, B.B. & C.I. Railway, Jacob Circle Mahalakshmi, Bombay.

If selected and called for interview the applicant will have to come at his own cost. The last date of submission of the application is 1st February, 1944. (7516)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of Assistant Commissioner in the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay. The post may last for the duration of the War. The scale of pay will be Rs. 900-50-1,200.

2. The duties of the post are in connection with the operation of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order 1943.

3. Candidates should possess first class educational qualifications. Preference will be given to those who, in addition, have a sound knowledge of the Cotton Textile Industry in India.

4. Applications stating age, qualifications, experience and previous salaries should be submitted (preferably in prescribed form available on demand) to reach the Assistant Secretary (Establishment) Office of the Textile Commissioner, Ballard Estate, Bombay, by the 26th January, 1944. (7507)

G.I.P. RAILWAY
SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE
(MAIN LINE)

THE PUBLIC IS NOTIFIED that on and from 20th January, 1944, No. 408 Up Thana local train will leave Thana at 9-25 hrs. and run five minutes later throughout arriving Bombay Victoria at 10-20 hrs. (7510)

NOTICE

THE WESTERN INDIA RACE HORSE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Western India Race Horse Owners' Association, Ltd., will be held at Mr. A. L. J. Talib's Stables, Race Course on THURSDAY, the 24th February, 1944, at 6 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive from the Committee the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st, December, 1943.
2. To elect the office-bearers and members of the Committee for the year 1944-45 and to appoint the auditors.

P. D. BOLTON,
A. H. AHMEDBHOY,
Joint Hony. Secretaries.
(7505)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Policy No. 111875 on the life of Mr. Janardan Appaji Kachare is lost and that the surrender value in entire cancellation of the Policy will be paid to the assured unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date. All claims after the expiration of the said period of one month will be considered waived and of no effect.

(Sd.) H. E. JONES.
Manager.
(3800)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF EMERALDS AND RUBIES.

By order of the Official Assignee, Bombay, a big lot of Emeralds and Rubies belonging to the Insolvents Balubhai Kalyanchand and others, will be sold at the Official Assignee's Office, High Court, Bombay, on MONDAY, 24th January, 1944, at 3 P.M. (N.S.T.)

BONA FIDE SALE

By order of the Office concerned, a consignment of exquisite old Indian Bronze Curios, Jade Temple, Dancing Shiva, and 40 rich Persian and Bokhara Carpets of different sizes, on SUNDAY, 23rd January, 1944, at 11 A.M. (New S.T.) at our rooms, 122, Apollo St., Fort.

On view.

CRAWFORD & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF COUNTRY TEAK, JUNGLE WOOD, CHIR SLEEPERS, BETA PACK FIRE WOOD, ETC.

By order of the Asst. Director and Officer-in-Charge, Military Timber Depots, Sewree, Messrs. Gandhi & Co., will offer for Sale by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 27th day of January, 1944, at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at Military Stores Depot, near Lever Brothers Soap Factory, Haji Bunder, Sewree:—

Jungle Wood, thin boards, Country Teak Short length pieces, Battens, off cuts, Chir Sleepers, Side Slabs, Coniferous Coir Strings and large lots of Beta Pack Firewood lying at Vadala Depot are open for inspection. Offers for Beta Pack lots will be received at the above Auction.

Terms: 20 per cent Deposit in cash.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITUATE AT GHORUPDEO RD., NEAR MARATHA HOSPITAL & BEHIND VICTORIA GARDEN

M|s. GANDHI & CO. will, under instructions from M|s. Ambubhai & Diwanji, Attorneys for the vendor, sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1944, at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned immovable property on the premises.

SCHEDULE

All that piece of Government leasehold land situate on the west side of Ghorupdeo Road together with the buildings thereon admeasuring 777 sq. yds. registered under Cadastral Survey No. 723 of Mazagaon Division, E Ward Nos. 8123 and 8125 and Street Nos. 202 and 212.

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